

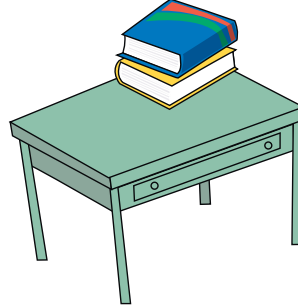


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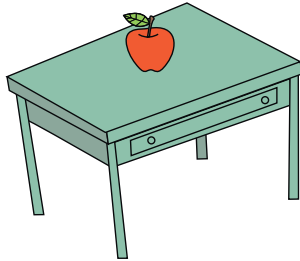
- We use *There is / There are* to talk about things in a place.

There's a desk.

There are two books.



- We use *a / an* with singular countable nouns.



There's an apple on the desk.

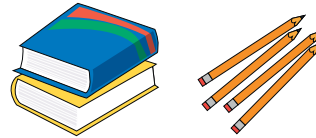
There isn't a sandwich.

- We use *There are some* (or a number) and *There aren't any* with plural countable nouns.

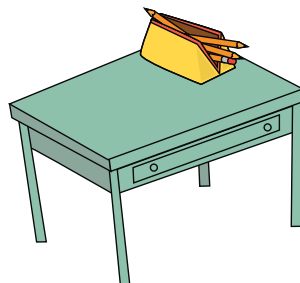
There are two books.

There are some pencils.

There aren't any pens.



- We use *Is there ...? / Are there ...?* to ask about things in a place.
- We use *a / an* with singular countable nouns in questions.
- We use *any* with plural nouns in questions.
- We usually answer *yes / no questions* with short answers.



- *'Is there a pencil case on the desk?'*

- *'Yes, there is.'*

- *'Are there any pens?'*

- *'No, there aren't.'*



Form

Positive (+)		
Singular:	There's / There is	a desk.
Plural:	There are	some books.

Negative (-)		
Singular:	There isn't	a desk.
Plural:	There aren't	any books.

Questions			Short answers
Singular:	Is there	a desk?	Yes, there is. No, there isn't.
Plural:	Are there	any books?	Yes, there are. No, there aren't.

Tip

We usually use short forms of *There is* (*There's*), *There is not* (*There isn't*) and *There are not* (*There aren't*) in spoken English. We don't use a short form for *There are*.

We can use short forms in short negative answers, but not in short positive answers.

'Is there an apple?' 'Yes, **there is.**' (NOT *Yes, there's.*) / No, **there isn't.**

'Are there any bananas?' 'Yes, **there are.**' (NOT *Yes, there're.*) / No, **there aren't.**