



Learn English Through Stories

Elementary Grammar

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A Happy Day in the Park 3 by K S Sandhu

Hello! My name is Sara. I am from Spain. I am 25 years old. I am happy today.

My family is big. My father is old. He is 75 years old. He is kind and funny. My mother is a teacher. She is nice. My brother is tall. He is 21 years old. He is clever. My sister is small. She is 15 years old. She is very friendly.

Today the weather is good. Is it sunny? Yes, it is! It is warm and beautiful. The sun is hot. We are in the big park. The park is green and nice.

There are many trees in the park. They are tall and green. There are beautiful flowers too. They are red, yellow, and blue. The sky is very blue. Isn't it wonderful?

My best friend Ana is here. She is from Spain too. She is a student. Her hair is long and black. Her eyes are brown. She is funny. We are good friends. Are we happy? Yes, we are!

There is a small lake in the park. It is clean. There are ducks in the water. They are white and brown. They swim and play.

Now we are hungry. Is there food? Yes, there is! My mother has a picnic. There are sandwiches, fruit, and juice. It is all good. Isn't it delicious? We are lucky!

My dog Max is here too. He is black. He is not big. He is friendly and funny. He runs a lot. Is Max happy? Yes, he is!

There is a boy near us. He is 12 years old. He is from Italy. His eyes are blue. He says, "Hello! Is it hot today?" We say, "Yes, it is!" We laugh together.

In the afternoon, there are children in the park. They play football. They are noisy but happy.

At six o'clock, it is time to go home. Are we tired? Yes, we are, but we are very happy. My family is together. My friend is here. We are all friends.

Life is good in the park today!

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there is, there are

FORM

affirmative

There is (There's) a book on the table.
There are three students in the room.

USE

We use *there is / are* to say something exists.

There is a mistake in this exercise.

NOT ~~A mistake is in the exercise.~~ or ~~It's a mistake in the exercise.~~

There are 109 elements in the Periodic Table.

NOT ~~109 elements are in the Periodic Table.~~ or ~~They are 109 elements in the Periodic Table.~~

After we say that something exists with *there is / are* we can then use *it is* or *they are* to give more details.

There's a computer in the classroom. **It's** very useful.

There's a book on the table. **It's** not mine.

There are nine planets in the solar system. **They're** easy to see with a telescope.

There are some instructions available for this DVD but **they're** on the Internet.

A: **There's** someone on the phone for you.

B: Who is **it**?

A: **It's** your sister, I think.

A: **There are** some people outside the door.

B: Who are **they**?

A: **They're** students.

More Examples

1. *There's a new café near the station. It's always full on weekends.*
2. *There are two cats in our garden right now. They're fighting over a piece of chicken.*
3. *There's a strange noise coming from the kitchen. It's probably the washing machine again.*
4. *There are many beautiful beaches in this area. They're not very crowded in winter.*
5. *There's a package for you at the front desk. It's quite heavy.*
6. *There are some cookies left in the jar. They're chocolate chip—your favourite.*
7. A: *There's a problem with the printer again.*
B: *What is it this time?*
A: *It's out of paper.*
8. *There's a really good movie on tonight. It's supposed to be a thriller.*
9. *There are three missed calls on my phone. They're all from the same unknown number.*
10. *There's water all over the bathroom floor. It's coming from under the sink.*

Exercises

1 Complete the sentence with *is* or *are*.

- a There are 25 students in the class.
- b There a hospital in the city centre.
- c There a big supermarket near my house.
- d There two teachers in the room.
- e There 12 songs on this CD.
- f There a good film on TV tonight.
- g There his friends.
- h There your mobile phone.
- i There a computer and a TV in my room.
- j There seven books in my bag.
- k There no homework today.

2 Complete the sentence with *there* or *it*.

- a There is a CD on the desk. It is mine.
- b is a nice day today.
- c is a new student in my class.
- d There is a park next to my house. is very beautiful.
- e is three o' clock.
- f is no one in the room.
- g is a man outside the window.
- h There is a big shopping centre in my town. is very popular.
- i is a teacher at my school called Mr Smith.
- j is so hot in this room!
- k is a swimming pool at my school. is also a tennis court.

3 Complete the sentence with *there*, *it* or *they*.

- a There are two bottles of water on the table.
- b are nurses, not doctors.
- c There's a cat in the kitchen. is black and white.
- d There are 30 people at the party. are all my friends.
- e is cold outside. There's snow on the ground.
- f are from London.
- g They're in the hall. is an exam now.
- h is a very interesting book.
- i There is my bag. is next to the desk.
- j My key is in my pocket. is in a safe place!
- k The students are very tired. study too hard.

Answers

Unit 3

Ex 1

a are b is c is d are e are f is g are h is
i is j are k is

Ex 2

a It b It c There d It e It f There g There
h It i There j It k There, There

Ex 3

a There b They c It d They e It f They
g There h It i It j It k They