





There ... and It ...



THERE ... AND IT ...



- * We use there ... when we talk about something for the first time, to say that it exists:
 - EX1: There's a new restaurant in Hill Street.
 - EX2: I'm sorry I'm late. There was a lot of traffic. (not It was a lot of traffic)
 - EX3: Things are very expensive now. There has been a big rise in the cost of living.
- It = a specific thing, place, fact, situation etc.:
 - EX4: We went to the new restaurant. It's very good. (It = the restaurant)
 - EX5: I wasn't expecting her to call me. It was a complete surprise. (It = that she called)
- Compare there and it:
 - EX6: I like this town. There's a lot to do here. It's an interesting place.
- There also means 'to/at/in that place':
 - EX7: The house is unoccupied. There's nobody living there. (= in the house)

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THERE

there will be there must have been there is sure to be there is likely to be

there must be there should have been there is bound to be there is supposed to be

there might be etc. there would have been etc. there is going to be there used to be

EX8: 'Is there a flight to Rome tonight?' 'There might be. I'll check online.'

EX9: If people drove more carefully, there wouldn't be so many accidents.

EX10: I could hear music coming from the house. There must have been somebody at home.

EX11: There's bound to be a cafe somewhere near here. (= There's sure to be ...)

Compare there and it:

EX12: They live on a busy road. There must be a lot of noise from the traffic.
They live on a busy road. It must be very noisy. (It = living on a busy road)

EX13: There used to be a cinema here, but it closed a few years ago.
That building is now a supermarket. It used to be a cinema. (It = that building)

EX14: There's sure to be a flight to Rome tonight.
There's a flight to Rome tonight, but it's sure to be full. (it = the flight)

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- ❖ We say:
 - EX15: It's dangerous to walk in the road. (not To walk in the road is dangerous)
- Normally we use It ... at the beginning of sentences like this. Some more examples:
 - EX16: It didn't take us long to get here.
 - EX17: It's a shame (that) you can't come to the party.
 - EX18: It's not worth waiting any longer. Let's go.
- * We also use it to talk about distance, time and weather:
 - EX19: How far is it from here to the airport?
 - EX20: It's a long time since we last saw you.
- Compare it and there:
 - EX21: It was windy. but There was a cold wind.

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TÓM TẮT

- 1. There và it là 2 từ thường được dùng làm chủ ngữ giả trong một số cấu trúc tiếng Anh. There được dùng để nói về sự tồn tại của một cái gì đó lần đầu tiên trong ngữ cảnh There's a new restaurant in Hill Street It là một đại từ dùng để chỉ một vật, hay sự việc gì đó đã được xác định trong ngữ cảnh We went to the new restaurant. It's very good.
- 2. There cũng là một trạng từ chỉ nơi chốn (ở đằng kia, ở đó) The house is unoccupied. There's nobody living there.
- 3. Cấu trúc "There + to be" có thể được chia ở nhiều thì khác nhau, hoặc với các động từ phương thức khác nhau 'Is there a flight to Rome tonight?' 'There might be. I'll check online.'
- 4. It thường được dùng trong các cấu trúc It's + adj + to do something, it's a shame ..., it's worth và trong các câu nói về thời gian, khoảng cách và thời tiết It's not worth waiting any longer. Let's go.
- 5. Cần lưu ý, sau there + to be thường là một danh từ hoặc cụm danh từ (chủ ngữ thật của câu,) còn sau it thường một tính từ hoặc danh từ (để mô tả chủ ngữ mà it thay thế) It was windy. There was a cold wind.