



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 38 : There was/were - There has/have been
There will be

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A THERE WAS / THERE WERE (PAST)



There is a train every hour.

The time now is 11.15.

There was a train at 11 o'clock.

There is/are (present)

- Ex1A: **There is** nothing on TV tonight.
- Ex2A: We are staying at a very big hotel. **There are** 550 rooms.
- Ex3A: Is everything OK? **Are there** any problems.
- Ex4A: I'm hungry, but **there isn't** anything to eat.

There was/were (past)

- Ex1B: **There was** nothing on TV last night.
- Ex2B: We stayed at a very big hotel. **There were** 550 rooms
- Ex3B: Was everything OK yesterday? **Were there** any problems?
- Ex4B: I was hungry when I got home, but **there wasn't** anything to eat

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B THERE HAS BEEN / THERE HAVE BEEN (PRESENT PERFECT)



- Ex5: Look! **There's been** an accident.
(there's been = there has been)
- Ex6: This road is very dangerous. **There have been** many accidents.

Compare **there was** (past):

- Ex7: **There was** an accident last night.
(not **There has been** an accident last night.)

For **past simple** and **present perfect**, see Unit 20.

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THERE WILL BE



- Ex8: Do you think **there will** be a lot of people at the party on Saturday?
- Ex9: The manager of the company is leaving, so **there will be** a new manager soon.
- Ex10: I'm going away tomorrow. I'll do my packing today because **there won't be** time tomorrow.
(**there won't be** = **there will not be**)

was/were → Unit 10 has/have been → Units 15–18 will → Unit 27 there is/are → Unit 37
there and it → Units 37, 39 some and any → Unit 76