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**Beginners**

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# Unit 5

There is / There are  
Prepositions of Place  
(in, on, under, near)

## Find the differences

Look at the two pictures and read about the differences.



**picture 1**



**picture 2**

- 1 In picture 1 **there is** a box **under** the bed but in picture 2 **there is** a box **near** the bed.
- 2 In picture 1 **there is** a cat **on** the bed but in picture 2 **there isn't** a cat **on** the bed.  
**There is** a cat **on** the wardrobe.
- 3 In picture 1 **there are** three CDs **in** the box, but in picture 2 **there aren't** three CDs **in** the box.  
**There are** ten CDs.

Now find four more differences.



# Grammar

## a There is / There are

- We use **there is** before **singular** nouns.

<b>Affirmative</b>	There is (There's)	<i>There is a car in the street.</i>
<b>Negative</b>	There is not (There isn't)	<i>There isn't a sofa in the bedroom.</i>
<b>Interrogative</b>	Is there...?	<i>Is there a lamp on your desk?</i> ↗ Yes, there is. ↘ No, there isn't.

- We use **there are** before **plural** nouns.

<b>Affirmative</b>	There are	<i>There are four rooms in the house.</i>
<b>Negative</b>	There are not (There aren't)	<i>There aren't two bedrooms in the house.</i>
<b>Interrogative</b>	Are there...?	<i>Are there two vases on the table?</i> ↗ Yes, there are. ↘ No, there aren't.

**Note:** *There is a table in the kitchen.* (We say that something exists.)  
*It's a big table.* (We give information about it.)

*There are three chairs in your room.*  
*They are old chairs. **NOT** ~~There are old chairs.~~*

## b Prepositions of Place (in-on-under-near)

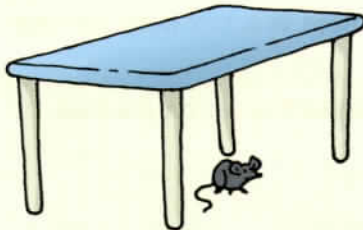
Prepositions of place show **where** someone or something is.



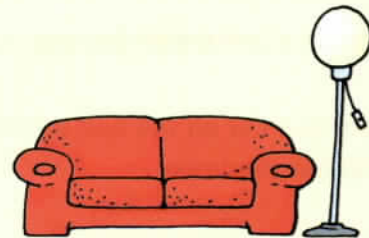
- in**  
*The boy is in the bedroom.*



- on**  
*There is a book on my desk.*



- under**  
*There is a mouse under the table.*



- near**  
*There is a lamp near the sofa.*

**Note:** **in:** *in the armchair, in the sky*  
**on:** *on the wall, on the floor*

# activities

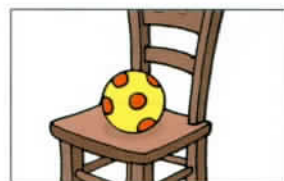
**a** Where is the ball? Look at the pictures and complete the blanks with **in**, **on**, **near** or **under**.



1 It's in the box.



2 It's near the door.



3 It's on the chair.



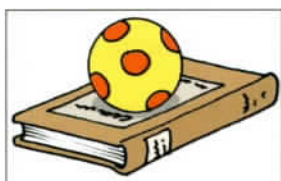
4 It's near the wardrobe.



5 It's under the bed.



6 It's near the computer.



7 It's on the book.



8 It's in the bag.



9 It's under the desk.

**b** Complete the sentences with **there**, **it** or **they**.

1 There is piano in my house. It isn't in the living room. It is in my bedroom.

2 **Mary:** Is there a library near here?

**Fred:** Yes, there is. It is near the supermarket.

3 There are ten computers at my school, but they are old. They aren't new.

**c** Look at the pictures. Complete the questions with **is there**, **are there** and **on**, **in**, **near**, **under**. Then answer the questions as in the examples.



1 Are there four balloons in the girl's hand?

No, there aren't. There are six balloons.

2 Is there a boy on the bicycle?

Yes, there is.



3 Are there two cakes on the table?

4 \_\_\_\_\_ a pencil \_\_\_\_\_ the phone?



5 \_\_\_\_\_ a chair \_\_\_\_\_ the room?

6 \_\_\_\_\_ two women \_\_\_\_\_ the tree?



## d can you remember?

Complete the paragraph with **a / an / the** and **there is / there are**.

My house is beautiful. It's big and it's got (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ big garden. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ tree in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ garden. It's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ old tree. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ seven rooms in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ house. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_ living room, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ dining room, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen, three bedrooms and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ bathroom. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ three bedrooms and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ bathroom are upstairs. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ living room, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ dining room and (17) \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen are downstairs. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (19) \_\_\_\_\_ garage, too.

## e Communication

Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about your house and your partner's house. Use words from the vocabulary box.

- e.g. **A:** Are there two bedrooms in your house?  
**B:** Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.  
 There are three bedrooms in my house.  
**A:** Is there a bathroom downstairs?  
**B:** Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.

### vocabulary box

house / flat    living room    dining room    kitchen  
 bedroom    bathroom    garage    downstairs    upstairs

## f writing

Write a paragraph about your home. Use **there is, there isn't, there are, there aren't**.

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