

## Business English 14: There is/There are


















1. Match the vocabulary below with the correct image.

desk and chair  
pictures  
window  
rug  
rug

computer  
books  
lamp  
plants

clock  
armchair  
computer mouse  
shelves

sofa  
pens  
cups

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| 1.<br>    | 2.<br>    | 3.<br>     |
| 4.<br>   | 5.<br>   | 6.<br>   |
| 7.<br>  | 8.<br>  | 9.<br>  |
| 10.<br> | 11.<br> | 12.<br> |
| 13.<br> | 14.<br> | 15.<br> |



2. Look at the picture and read the questions and answers.



- A: Are there *any* pictures?  
 B: Yes, there is one picture.  
 A: Are there *any* lamps?  
 B: Yes, there is one lamp.  
 A: Are there *any* plants?  
 B: Yes, there are two plants.  
 A: Is there a computer mouse?  
 B: Yes, there is a computer mouse.  
 A: Are there any armchairs?  
 B: No, there aren't *any*.  
 A: Is there a rug?  
 B: No, there isn't.

Use there is when talking about singular nouns and there are when talking about plural nouns.

*For example: There is one chair. There are two plants.*

We use any when asking questions about plural nouns.

*For example: Are there any books? -Is there any book?*

We also use any for negative sentences in the plural.

*For example: Are there any shelves? No, there aren't any.*



3. Fill in the gaps below.

1. .... there any books? - No, .....
2. Is ..... a rug? - Yes, .....
3. .... any shelves? - No, .....
4. Are there ..... chairs ? - Yes, .....
5. .... a desk? - No, .....



4. Work with a partner. Take it in turns, using the vocabulary from exercise 1, to ask and answer questions about your partner's photo.

For example: A: Are there any chairs? B: No, there aren't.

A: Is there a rug?

B: Yes, there is.

Student A. Picture 1.



Student A. Picture 2.



Student B. Picture 1.



Student B. Picture 2.





**5. Work with a partner.**

*Student A you are a personal assistant. Read the email below and call two different hotels to ask about their facilities. At the end choose the best hotel.*

Hello Jane,

I am writing to you about my conference in Madrid next week. I need you to book a hotel for me please.

Usually, I stay at the *Airport Hotel* but this time I am staying in Madrid for one full week which is longer than usual. So, I would like some extra facilities.

I would like a double bed. I will be very busy so it is important that the hotel has a restaurant and 24 hour room service. I will also have some meetings at the hotel so I need a conference room with a projector. I also need a desk in my room and wifi of course.

I would like to have a swimming pool and a fitness centre if it is possible.

Thanks Jane.

Best,

Martin

*Student B you are the hotel receptionists of the hotels below. Answer your partner's questions and try to offer as much information as possible about your hotel.*

*For example:*

*Student A: Is there a swimming pool?*

*Student B: No, there isn't. But there is a sauna.*



**Hotel Arenas \*\*\*\***

*Hotel Facilities:*  
swimming pool and sauna  
fitness centre  
12 hour room service  
conference room

*Rooms:*  
Single bed  
Desk and chair  
Wi-Fi



**Hotel Marina \*\*\*\*\***

*Hotel Facilities:*  
Conference rooms  
Projectors, printers  
Restaurant  
24 hour room service  
Fitness centre and sauna

*Rooms:*  
Double or Single bed  
Wi-Fi