

Business English 14: There is/There are


















1. Match the vocabulary below with the correct image.

desk and chair
pictures
window
rug

computer
books
lamp
plants

clock
armchair
computer mouse
shelves

sofa
pens
cups

1. sofa 	2. pictures 	3. rug 
4. armchair 	5. desk and chair 	6. plants 
7. lamp 	8. books 	9. shelves 
10. pens 	11. window 	12. computer 
13. cups 	14. clock 	15. computer mouse 



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.*Are*..... there any books? – No,*there aren't*.....
2. Is*there*..... a rug? – Yes, ...*there is*.....
3.*Are*.....*there*..... any shelves? – No,*there aren't*.....
4. Are there*any*..... chairs ? – Yes,*there are*.....
5.*Is*.....*there*..... a desk? – No,*there isn't*.....



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 Wi-Fi 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