

Lesson Plan: There is / There are

Level	Beginner (A1–A2)
Time	45–60 minutes
Skills	Grammar, speaking, writing
Focus	Introducing and describing existence; singular vs. plural; negatives and questions

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use there is / there are correctly to describe what exists or is present
- Form negatives and questions with there is / there are
- Use some and any with there is / there are
- Describe rooms, places, and scenes using the structure

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Affirmative

- There is a bank near here.
- There are two supermarkets in my neighbourhood.
- There is some water in the glass.

Negative

- There isn't a pharmacy nearby.
- There aren't any chairs left.
- There is no parking on this street.

Questions

- Is there a café on this street?
- Are there any seats available?
- How many rooms are there in the hotel?

Contractions

- There's = there is
- There're = there are (less common in writing)

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Describe the classroom: 'There are 12 students. There is one board.'

- Students continue the description.

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Introduce the structure using a picture of a room or street.

- Singular → there is. Plural → there are.

- Show negative and question forms with colour coding.

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Students describe a picture using there is/are in all forms.

- Provide sentence starters: 'There is...', 'There are...', 'There isn't...', 'Are there any...?'

4. Speaking task (15 min)

Task: Students describe their bedroom or neighbourhood to a partner.

- Partner asks questions: 'Is there a park near your home?'
- Switch roles.

5. Writing (5–10 min)

Task: Write 6 sentences about a picture using all forms of there is/are.

- Must include at least one negative and one question.

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write a short description of your living room using there is/are (at least 8 sentences).
2. Write 4 questions using 'Is there...' or 'Are there...' about a city you'd like to visit.
3. Compare two cities: write 6 sentences using there is/are to show differences.