There Is and There Are — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. There _____ a small bakery next to the bus station.
   a) are b) has c) be d) is

2. There _____ twenty-four students in each class at our language school.
   a) are b) is c) have d) has

3. There _____ some cold water in the fridge if you're thirsty.
   a) are b) is c) have d) be

4. Excuse me, _____ a bank near here?
   a) is there b) are there c) there are d) have

5. _____ any cheap places to eat near your hotel?
   a) Have b) Are there c) There are d) Are they

6. We can't make a cake — there _____ any flour.
   a) aren't b) is c) isn't d) not

7. There _____ any shops where my grandparents live, so they drive to town.
   a) are no b) don't c) not d) aren't

8. It's very quiet here at night — there _____ noise at all.
   a) isn't no b) is no c) are no d) is any

9. 'Is there a gym in the hotel?' 'Yes, _____. Guests can use it for free.'
   a) there's b) it is c) is there d) there is

10. 'Are there any eggs left?' 'No, _____. I used the last two this morning.'
    a) there isn't b) they aren't c) there aren't d) aren't there

11. There _____ a terrible storm last night, and a tree fell on our car.
    a) was b) were c) is d) had

12. According to official figures, there _____ three thousand runners in yesterday's race.
    a) was b) were c) are d) had

13. How many windows _____ in your classroom?
    a) there are b) are they c) are there d) have there

14. _____ any bread left, or should I buy some on my way home?
    a) Are there b) Is there c) There is d) Is it

15. There _____ a lot of information about the course on the school website.

a) are b) were c) is d) has

16. Twenty years ago there _____ a toy shop here, but now it's a bank.

a) is b) were c) has d) was

17. There _____ any hot water in the hotel yesterday, so I couldn't wash my hair.

a) wasn't b) weren't c) isn't d) didn't have

18. We can't sit down — there _____ free tables in the café.

a) aren't no b) are any c) aren't any d) haven't any

19. 'How many chairs _____?' '_____ six, but we need eight.'

a) are there … There are b) there are … There are c) are there … They are d) is there … There is

20. _____ much traffic on your way to work this morning?

a) Were there b) Did it have c) Was there d) Was it

21. There's a new Italian restaurant near the station. _____ very good.

a) There's b) It's c) Is d) It has

22. There are two parks near our house, and _____ both very big.

a) they're b) there are c) it's d) they have

23. _____ a small museum in our town, but _____ closed on Mondays.

a) It's … there's b) There's … there's c) Has … it's d) There's … it's

24. In our village _____ a small shop that sells everything.

a) there's b) has c) have d) there has

25. 'Is there a pharmacy near here?' 'Yes, _____ one next to the station. _____ open until nine.'

a) it has … It's b) there's … There's c) is … It's d) there's … It's

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) There are too much sugar in this tea.
b) There's too much sugar in this tea.
c) It has too much sugar in this tea.
d) There's too many sugar in this tea.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) There isn't no milk in the fridge.
b) There aren't milk in the fridge.
c) There's no milk in the fridge.
d) There no milk in the fridge.

28. Which question is correct?

a) Were they any problems at the airport?
b) There were any problems at the airport?
c) Did there be any problems at the airport?
d) Were there any problems at the airport?

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) There are two cafés in the square. They're both cheap.
b) There are two cafés in the square. There are both cheap.
c) In the square have two cafés. They're both cheap.
d) There are two cafés in the square. It's both cheap.

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) In my town has a big park.
b) In my town there are a big park.
c) In my town there's a big park.
d) In my town there have a big park.

Answer Key

There Is and There Are · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/there-is-there-are/

1. d) is
A small bakery is one thing — a singular noun — so there is.

2. a) are
Twenty-four students is a plural noun, so there are.

3. b) is
Water is uncountable, and an uncountable noun takes there is — even after some: there is some water.

4. a) is there
A question with there puts the verb first: Is there a bank…?

5. b) Are there
Cheap places is plural, so the question is Are there any…?

6. c) isn't
Flour is uncountable, so the negative is there isn't any flour.

7. d) aren't
Shops is plural, so the negative is there aren't any shops.

8. b) is no
There is no + noun is negative on its own: there is no noise = there isn't any noise.

9. d) there is
The short answer to Is there…?

10. c) there aren't
Eggs is plural, so the short answer is No, there aren't.

11. a) was
Last night is a finished time, so the past: there was.

12. b) were
Yesterday's race is in the past and three thousand runners is plural, so there were.

13. c) are there
How many + a plural noun is followed by question order: are there.

14. b) Is there
Bread is uncountable, so the question is Is there any bread…?

15. c) is
After a lot of, look at the noun: information is uncountable, so there is.

16. d) was
Twenty years ago and but now show a past situation that is over, so there was.

17. a) wasn't
Yesterday puts it in the past, and hot water is uncountable, so there wasn't any.

18. c) aren't any
Free tables is plural, so there aren't any free tables.

19. a) are there … There are
The question is How many chairs are there?

20. c) Was there
The journey to work is over, so the past question: Was there much traffic?

21. b) It's
There's introduces the restaurant; to say more about it, use it: It's very good.

22. a) they're
The parks are already introduced, so refer back to them with they: they're both very big.

23. d) There's … it's
First there's introduces the museum, then it's says more about it.

24. a) there's
To say what is in a place, use there's.

25. d) there's … It's
There's one says that a pharmacy exists, then It's says more about it.

26. b) There's too much sugar in this tea.
Sugar is uncountable, so there's (there is) too much sugar.

27. c) There's no milk in the fridge.
There's no + noun is already negative: There's no milk.

28. d) Were there any problems at the airport?
In a question were goes before there: Were there any problems?

29. a) There are two cafés in the square. They're both cheap.
There are introduces the two cafés, then they're talks about them again.

30. c) In my town there's a big park.
To say what is in a place, use there is: In my town there's a big park.