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Basics. There Is vs. There Are

Easy | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Inversion | Negation | Noun | Present tense | Questions | Subject | Verb | Simple tense | Word order

1. Help the frustrated roommate describe the disaster zone they call a bedroom! Select ALL the grammatically correct statements.

Select all that apply.

A) There is a half-eaten pizza under the bed.
B) There are suspicious socks hanging from the ceiling fan.
C) There is three dirty coffee cups on the desk.
D) There are a strange smell coming from the closet.

2. Help the overly optimistic travel agent describe a rather "unique" holiday destination by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

You might wonder if _____ a luxury swimming pool at this resort. Sadly, no, but _____ three beautiful mud puddles right in the parking lot for you to enjoy!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) there is
B) there are
C) there be

Blank 2
A) there are
B) there is
C) there be

3. Complete the astronaut's panicked radio transmission.

Houston, we have a situation. _____ three alien footprints right outside the spaceship!

Select one.

A) There is
B) There are
C) They are
D) There has

4. Complete the alien explorer's confused report about the contents of a human refrigerator.

Inside this cold box, _____ three yellow fruits called "lemons." Also, _____ some cold white liquid in a bottle. On the bottom shelf, _____ ten small, round eggs. It is a very interesting machine, but _____ no space inside for my spaceship!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) there is
B) there are
C) they are

Blank 2
A) there is
B) there are
C) there am

Blank 3
A) there is
B) there are
C) is there

Blank 4

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** it is

5. Help the hungry college student take inventory of their bizarrely stocked mini-fridge by dragging the correct phrases into the blanks.

Inside my roommate's chaotic mini-fridge, _____ five empty ketchup bottles. But miraculously, right in the back, _____ a fresh slice of pepperoni pizza!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** there are
- **B)** there is
- **C)** there am

Blank 2

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** there am

6. Help the cheerful real estate agent describe this "unique" apartment for a new listing.

In the living room, _____ a beautiful green sofa. Next to it, _____ two large windows that let in lots of sunlight. The kitchen is small, but _____ a brand-new refrigerator. However, you should know that _____ three sleepy cats living in the bedroom, and they refuse to pay rent!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** is there

Blank 2

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** are there

Blank 3

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** there be

Blank 4

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** they are

7. Complete the ghost hunter's spooky (but slightly disappointing) observation log by dragging the correct negative phrases into the blanks.

According to my ghost-hunting equipment, _____ any ectoplasm on the ceiling. Furthermore, I can confirm that _____ any monsters under the bed, just a massive pile of dirty laundry!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** there isn't
- **B)** there aren't
- **C)** there am not

Blank 2

- **A)** there aren't
- **B)** there isn't
- **C)** there am not

8. Complete the honest tour guide's speech about the "World's Most Okay Amusement Park." Select ALL the sentences that use "there is" or "there are" correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** There is only one rollercoaster, and it goes very slowly.
- **B)** There are no exciting prizes at the game booths.
- **C)** There are a massive line for the only working bathroom.
- **D)** There is angry mosquitoes everywhere near the water ride.

9. Help the nervous party host check the supplies before the guests arrive.

"Oh no! _____ enough cake for everyone? And _____ enough chairs in the living room for people to sit down? Wait, _____ only two pizzas on the table! We definitely need to order more food."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Is there
- **B)** Are there
- **C)** There is

Blank 2

- **A)** is there
- **B)** are there
- **C)** there are

Blank 3

- **A)** there is
- **B)** there are
- **C)** are there

10. Help the frustrated college student leave a sticky note for their roommate.

Please clean your shelf! _____ a strange, glowing piece of moldy cheese in the fridge, and it's scaring me.

Select one.

- **A)** There is
- **B)** There are
- **C)** It is
- **D)** Is there

11. You are helping a stressed chef check the kitchen inventory before a big dinner party. Select ALL the questions and negative statements that are grammatically correct!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Are there any tomatoes left in the fridge?
- **B)** There aren't any clean plates for the dessert.
- **C)** Is there any potatoes hiding in the pantry?
- **D)** There aren't a chef in the kitchen right now.

12. Complete the time traveler's urgent question to a local in the year 2099.

Excuse me, _____ any safe zones in this city where the mutant pigeons can't reach us?

Select one.

- **A)** is there
- **B)** are there
- **C)** there are
- **D)** there is