

# 21 Talking about your town

When you talk about things, you can use “there is” for one and “there are” for more than one.  
“There isn’t” and “there aren’t” are the negatives.

⚙️ **New language** “There is” and “there are”


Aa **Vocabulary** Towns and buildings

🧑 **New skill** Describing a town

## 21.1 KEY LANGUAGE “THERE IS” AND “THERE ARE”

Use “there is” to talk about one thing (singular).


 **There is** a hospital in my town.


 **There are** three hospitals in my town.

Use “there are” to talk about more than one (plural).



## 21.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES “THERE IS” AND “THERE ARE”

 **There is** an airport.


 **There are** two theaters.


 **There is** a hotel.


 **There are** three cafés.





## 21.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING “THERE IS” AND “THERE ARE”

 There is a factory.

1  \_\_\_\_\_ two churches.

2  \_\_\_\_\_ a swimming pool.

3  \_\_\_\_\_ a library.

4  \_\_\_\_\_ two castles.



## 21.4 SAY THESE PLURALS OUT LOUD

*libraries* 

1 airports  5 bars 

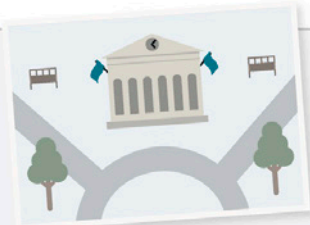
2 theaters  6 churches 

3 schools  7 factories 

4 hospitals  8 offices 



## 21.5 LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND FILL IN THE GAPS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES



There is a town hall.



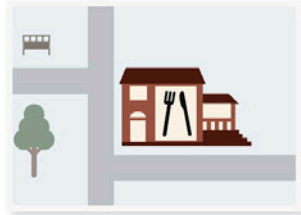
1 There are \_\_\_\_\_.



2 There are \_\_\_\_\_.



3 There is a \_\_\_\_\_.



4 There is a \_\_\_\_\_.



5 There are \_\_\_\_\_.



## 21.6 KEY LANGUAGE "THERE IS NOT" AND "THERE ARE NOT ANY"

Add "not" to make a singular sentence negative.

There **is not** a school.



There **isn't** a school.

You can shorten "is not" to "isn't."

Add "not any" to make a plural sentence negative.

There **are not any** schools.



There **aren't any** schools.

You can shorten "are not" to "aren't."



## 21.7 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

There **isn't** / ~~**aren't**~~ a castle.

1 There **isn't** / **aren't** a theater.

2 There **isn't** / **aren't** any factories.

3 There **isn't** / **aren't** a bus station.

4 There **isn't** / **aren't** any airports.

5 There **isn't** / **aren't** any churches.



## 21.8 ANOTHER WAY TO SAY "THERE AREN'T ANY"

You can use "are no" instead of  
"aren't any." It means the same thing.

This is the contracted  
form of "are not."

**There aren't any stores.**



**There are no stores.**



## 21.9 FURTHER EXAMPLES "ARE NO"

**There are no libraries in Oldtown.**

**There are no factories in Newport.**

**There are no schools in our village.**



## 21.10 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "ARE" AND "AREN'T"

There aren't any theaters.

1 There \_\_\_\_\_ no castles.

2 There \_\_\_\_\_ any factories.

3 There \_\_\_\_\_ no hospitals.

4 There \_\_\_\_\_ any churches.

5 There \_\_\_\_\_ no swimming pools.

6 There \_\_\_\_\_ no airports.



## 21.11 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED





## 21.12 READ THE EMAIL AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

There are two schools.

True ☐ False ☒

1 There is a supermarket.

True ☐ False ☐

2 There is a theater.

True ☐ False ☐

3 There are four movie theaters.

True ☐ False ☐

4 There are three restaurants.

True ☐ False ☐



To: Matt

Subject: Our new place

Hi Matt,

We're in our new house in Littleton and it's great! There are three schools in the town, so that's good for the children. There's also a big swimming pool and Joanne goes there every evening. I work in an office above the supermarket. It's near our house.

There are lots of things to do on the weekend. There isn't a theater, but there are two movie theaters, three restaurants, and a library. There's also a great museum. We go there every weekend because the children love it!

Come and see us soon. It's easy to get here. There isn't an airport or a train station, but there's a bus station.

See you soon! Jamal



## 21.13 LOOK AT THE PICTURE, THEN SAY EACH SENTENCE OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

There is a supermarket.

1  a park.

2  a hotel.

3  no cafés.

4  an airport.

5  stores.

6  a train station.

7  theaters.



## 21 CHECKLIST

⚙️ "There is" and "there are" ☐

Aa Towns and buildings ☐

🧩 Describing a town ☐