

Every sentence must have a subject. EX: The rain is falling hard now. We had a cold winter last year. Sometimes, if we have no other subject, IT or THERE can be the subject.

There is a meeting tomorrow morning.            It was a rainy year.

When do we use THERE?

—to talk about numbers or quantity—There was a lot of rain last night. There were five hundred people in the audience. There are lots of people from China studying in the U.S.

\_\_\_to say where something is — There are mountain goats living near the top. There is a playground at the school. There is no one at home. There is nothing in the box. There are plenty of children for you to play with. There is someone watching you.

When do we use IT?

—for time and dates— It's almost three o'clock. It's my birthday.

—to talk about weather — It's raining. It's a beautiful day.

—to give an opinion —It's a nice color. It's hard to find a job here.

—to give a compliment —It's nice to meet you. It's wonderful to see you again. It's a pleasure to have your son in my class.

—to talk about ourselves or others—Open up, George, it's me. Who is at the door? It's Mary. Look, it's Paul McCartney! Who is that? It's John's nephew.

Fill in the blank with IT, IT'S, THERE, THERE'S or THERE ARE (there is no contraction for there are).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a party at Debra's tonight. Do you want to go?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ half past ten. I think we should go.
3. If you are hungry, \_\_\_\_\_ some fruit in the refrigerator.
4. Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ your mom's birthday and you promised to call her.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ very warm in here. May I open a window?
6. Let's get the meeting started. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot to talk about.
7. The last time we went to the beach \_\_\_\_\_ rained the whole weekend.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ isn't easy being a nurse.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ red wine and white. Which would you prefer?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ stupid to drink and drive.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ no animals in the barn.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ only one chocolate bar left.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ will be rain tomorrow according to the weather forecast.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ lots of mean dogs in the dog park.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ a long way to New York.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ cloudy today.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ a man waiting for you downstairs.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ gets dark early during the winter.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ been years since I've seen her.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ are no high speed trains in this country.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ a shame that he wasn't able to find a job in Austin.
22. Suddenly, \_\_\_\_\_ was a knock on the door.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ must be a reason why she is often late for work.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ might be some money in my piggy bank.

25. \_\_\_\_\_ way to late to go out now.
26. Be careful. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of ice on the road.
27. I think \_\_\_\_\_ something wrong with my brakes.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ was lovely to meet you and your wife.
29. \_\_\_\_\_ a strange noise coming from our air conditioner.
30. Who's there? \_\_\_\_\_ just me.
31. Is that a snake in the bushes? No, \_\_\_\_\_ a lizard
32. \_\_\_\_\_ a button on the right side of the steering wheel.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ no point in worrying.
34. \_\_\_\_\_ pointless to worry.
35. \_\_\_\_\_ must have been Sally that told her about us.
36. \_\_\_\_\_ no secret that she likes you.
37. \_\_\_\_\_ no chance of getting there before dark.
38. \_\_\_\_\_ used to be a donut shop here, but it went out of business.

Using THERE in the negative.

The negative is formed by putting NOT after is or are:

There is not enough milk for both of us.      There are not enough apples to make a pie. There are not any trees in this yard.

Negative contractions are: THERE ISN'T or THERE AREN'T

There isn't any reason to stay here.      There aren't curtains on these windows.

THERE ARE with ANY—to indicate zero quantity we use any

There aren't any students in that classroom.      There isn't any water in the pool

IN YOUR SMALL GROUP—Discuss these questions

1-How do you feel about rainy days? What do you like to do on rainy days? Do you like it when it rains several days in a row?

2-What is the most dangerous thing in your home for a child? Do you have child proof locks on your cabinets? Do you have plug guards in your electrical outlets? Do you feel this is important?

3-Have you ever called the police in the U. S.? Do you feel comfortable calling 911?

4-Are you afraid of dogs? Do you worry about your neighbor's dog? Have you ever been attacked by a dog?