

THERE IS/ARE/WAS/WERE:

In English, we express **existence** with '**there is**' (*singular countable nouns and uncountable nouns*) and '**there are**' (*plural countable nouns*) **in present**, and '**there was**' (*singular countable nouns and uncountable nouns*) and '**there were**' (*plural countable nouns*) **in past**.

To create the **negative** form we **add 'not'**, and for the **interrogative** questions, we **change the order**:

So:

THERE IS/THERE ARE (=hai) (present)

THERE WAS/THERE WERE (=había) (past)

IN PRESENT:

SINGULAR:

- -> In **affirmative** form:

--> **There is one cat** on the table. ('one cat': countable noun, in singular) = *Hai un gato na mesa.*

- -> In **negative** form:

--> **There is not one cat** on the table. (*Long form*). = *Non hai un gato na mesa.*

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or

--> **There isn't** one cat on the table. (*Short form*). = *Non hai un gato na mesa.*

- -> In interrogative form:

--> **Is there** one cat on the table? = *Hai un gato na mesa?*

--> Short answers:

a) Affirmative (+): **Yes, there is.** = *Si, haino.*

b) Negative (-): **No, there isn't.** (Short form). / **No, there is not.** (Long form). = *Non, non o hai.*

PLURAL:

- -> In affirmative form:

--> **There are** two cats on the table. ('two cats': countable noun, in plural) = *Hai dous gatos na mesa.*

- -> In negative form:

--> **There are not** two cats on the table. (*Long form*). = *Non hai dous gatos na mesa.*

or

--> **There aren't** two cats on the table. (*Short form*). = *Non hai dous gatos na mesa.*

- -> In interrogative form:

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--> **Are there** two cats on the table? = *Hai dous gatos na mesa?*

--> **Short answers:**

a) **Affirmative (+):** Yes, there are. = *Si, hainos.*

b) **Negative (-):** No, there aren't. (*Short form*). / No, there are not. (*Long form*). = *Non, non os hai.*

IN PAST:

SINGULAR:

- -> In **affirmative** form:

--> **There was** one cat on the table. ('one cat': countable noun, in singular) = *Había un gato na mesa.*

- -> In **negative** form:

--> **There was not** one cat on the table. (*Long form*). = *Non había un gato na mesa.*

or

--> **There wasn't** one cat on the table. (*Short form*). = *Non había un gato na mesa.*

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- -> In **interrogative** form:

--> **Was there** one cat on the table? = *Había un gato na mesa?*

--> **Short answers:**

a) **Affirmative (+):** Yes, there was. = *Si, habíao.*

b) **Negative (-):** No, there wasn't. (Short form). / No, there was not. (Long form). = *Non, non o había.*

PLURAL:

- -> In **affirmative** form:

--> **There were** two cats on the table. ('two cats': countable noun, in plural) = *Haibía dous gatos na mesa.*

- -> In **negative** form:

--> **There were not** two cats on the table. (*Long form*). = *Non había dous gatos na mesa.*

or

--> **There weren't** two cats on the table. (*Short form*). = *Non había dous gatos na mesa.*

- -> In **interrogative** form:

--> **Were there** two cats on the table? = *Había dous gatos na mesa?*

--> **Short answers:**

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a) **Affirmative (+):** Yes, there were. = *Si, habíaos.*

b) **Negative (-):** No, there weren't. (*Short form*). / No, there were not. (*Long form*). = *Non, non os había*