

Grammar

There is / There are			
Affirmative		Negative	
There is	a park nearby.	There isn't a	bus stop near here.
There are	two bedrooms.	There's no	
		There aren't any	restaurants in the neighborhood.
		There are no	

Questions		Short answers	
	Is there	a laundry room?	Yes, there is.
	Are there	a lot of windows?	No, there isn't.
How many bedrooms	are there?		there aren't.
			Two. (There are two.)

1 PRACTICE

A Complete the sentences. Underline the correct words.

- There is / There are a bus stop near the apartment.
- Is there / Are there a bathtub?
- Are there / Is there a lot of children in the neighborhood?
- There is / There are two windows in the kitchen.
- There's / There isn't no elevator in the building.
- There aren't / There isn't a lot of traffic on this street.

B Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of *there is / there are*. Some sentences are negative.

A: So, tell me about your new apartment. How many bedrooms are there ?

B: _____ two. And they're nice and big.

A: That's good. How are the neighbors?

B: Well, _____ an older woman next door. She seems very friendly.

A: And how's the neighborhood?

B: I like it a lot. _____ a lot of stores around the corner.

A: That's convenient. _____ any supermarkets?

B: No, _____, but _____ a convenience store down the street.

Grammar Watch

Use *there is / there are* to talk about a thing or things in a certain place.



2 PRACTICE

Read the answers. Write the questions. Use *Is there* and *Are there*.

1. A: Is there a bus stop nearby?
B: Yes, there is. The #2 bus stop is across the street.
2. A: _____
B: No. There are no families with children in the building.
3. A: _____
B: Yes, there is. There's a supermarket 10 minutes from here.
4. A: _____
B: Sorry. There aren't any furnished apartments available.
5. A: _____
B: Yes, there is. There's a laundry room in the basement.
6. A: _____
B: Four. There are four closets in the apartment.

Show what you know! Ask about an apartment

STEP 1. PAIRS. Student A, you are looking for an apartment. Look at the chart below. Student B, you have an apartment for rent. Look at your apartment information in the ad on page 246.

STEP 2. SAME PAIRS. Student A, ask about Student B's apartment. Take notes.

STEP 3. SAME PAIRS. Change roles. Student A, use the apartment ad on this page. Answer Student B's questions.

Ask about:	Notes
number of bedrooms	
number of bathrooms	
laundry room	
parking	
rent, fees, security deposit	

APARTMENT FOR RENT. 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, DR. W/D in basement, nr. transportation, \$1,200/mo. 1 mo. fee + 1 mo. sec. dep.

Can you...ask about an apartment?