



**Forum: Grammar i'¼^æ-ʔæ³i'¼%°**

**Topic: "there is" or "there are" ??**

**Subject: Re: "there is" or "there are" ??**

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Perhaps this old posting might help you out a bit.

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A few rules from Collins Cobuild English Grammar Book:

I. çµ•æ§(ä, -çš,,å••è©žè©žçµ,,æ~èʔæ•,æ™,, å«è©ž"be"ä1ÿç,æʔ%ç"~èʔæ•,å½çå¼•  
(e.g.) There WERE two men in the room.

II. ä,€ç³»å^—ä°ç%©çš,,ç¬¬ä,€é ...æ~å—@æ•,æ^—æ~ä,å...æ•,å••è©žæ™,,  
ç"~"be"çš,,å—@æ•,å½çå¼•  
(e.g.) There WAS a sofa and two chairs.

(e.g.) There IS grief in his face and reproach at the injustice of it all.

[\*\*Note:- èj"çµ°èʔæ•,çš,,æ•,éʔ•è©ž, å!, "a number of", "a lot of"å'ÇE"a few of",  
å,,ç®jå%°é•çæœ%°"a", å•è!ç"~"be"çš,,èʔæ•,å½çå¼• --- "There WERE a lot of people camping  
here."]

III. èj"çµ°æ•,ç,®çš,,è©žè²ž, å!, "a hundred", "a thousand"å'ÇE"a dozen", å,,ç®jå%°é•çæœ%°"a",  
ä1ÿè!ç"~"be"çš,,èʔæ•,å½çå¼•  
(e.g.) There WERE a dozen reasons why you had to upgrade your computer.

More examples:-

- 1) åʔ' There WERE 'no other' jobs available.
- 2) åʔ' There AREN'T 'any' scratches on the table.
- 3a) åʔ' When I opened the fridge there WAS 'only' a bottle of milk, some eggs, and butter.
- 3b) åʔ' When I opened the fridge there WERE 'only' some eggs, a bottle of milk, and butter.

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