



**Forum: Grammar i'¼^æ-ʔæ³i'¼%º**

**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,,â••è©žè©žçµ,,æ~èʔæ•,æ™,, â••è©ž"be"ä1ÿç,æʔ%ç"~èʔæ•,â½çâ¼•  
(e.g.) There WERE two men in the room.

II. ä,€ç³»â^—äºç%©çš,,ç¬¬ä,€é ...æ~â—@æ•,æ^—æ~ä,â...æ•,â••è©žæ™,,  
ç"~"be"çš,,â—@æ•,â½çâ¼•  
(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"çºèʔæ•,çš,,æ•,éʔ•è©ž, â!, "a number of", "a lot of"â'CE"a few of",  
â,,ç®jâ%ºé•çæœ%º"a", â••è!ç"~"be"çš,,èʔæ•,â½çâ¼• --- "There WERE a lot of people camping  
here."]

III. èj"çºæ•,ç,®çš,,è©žè²ž, â!, "a hundred", "a thousand"â'CE"a dozen", â,,ç®jâ%ºé•çæœ%º"a",  
ä1ÿè!ç"~"be"çš,,èʔæ•,â½çâ¼•  
(e.g.) There WERE a dozen reasons why you had to upgrade your computer.

More examples:-

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

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