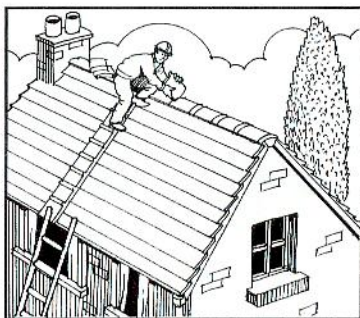
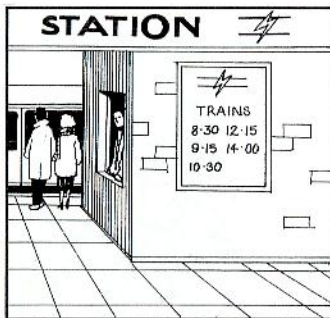


there is there are

A



There's a man on the roof.



There's a train at 10.30.



There are seven days in a week.

singular

there is ... (there's)
is there ... ?
there is not ... (there isn't
or there's not)

- There's a big tree in the garden.
- There's a good film on TV tonight.
- A: Have you got any money?
B: Yes, there's some in my bag.
- A: Excuse me, is there a hotel near here?
B: Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.
- We can't go skiing. There isn't any snow.

plural

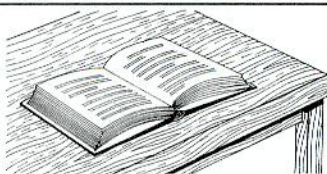
there are ...
are there ... ?
there are not ... (there aren't)

- There are some big trees in the garden.
- There are a lot of accidents on this road.
- A: Are there any letters for me today?
B: Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.
- This restaurant is very quiet. There aren't many people here.
- How many players are there in a football team?
- There are 11 players in a football team.

B

there is and it is

there is



There's a book on the table.
(not 'It's a book on the table.')

it is



I like this book. It's interesting.
(it = this book)

Compare:

- 'What's that noise?' 'It's a train.' (it = that noise)
- There's a train at 10.30. It's a fast train. (it = the 10.30 train)
- There's a lot of salt in this soup.
I don't like this soup. It's too salty. (it = this soup)