There is/are, there was/were, ...

There is/are equivalen en español a hay.

There is se utiliza para el singular y there are para el plural:

There is a bottle of wine on the table.

There are three potatoes on that plate.

Afirmación

forma completa forma contraida

There is a pen here. There's a pen here. There are many books. There're many books.

Negación

forma completa forma contraida

There is not a pen here.

There are not many books.

There isn't a pen here.

There aren't many books.

Interrogación

respuesta + respuesta -

Is there a pen here? Yes, there is. No, there is not/isn´t. Are there many books? Yes, there are. No, there are/aren´t.

• There was/were son las formas de pasado, para el singular y el plural respectivamente:

There was a big cat at the door.

There were many children in the park.

• **There have/has been** son las formas de Presente perfecto (*present perfect*), también para el singular y plural respectivamente:

There has been a mistake here.

There have been many storms since April.

• There will be es la forma única de futuro:

There will be a big prize for the winner.

There will be many ecological problems in the near future.