INGLÉS A2 · BÁSICO

There was y there were: lo que había

Lee la regla y los ejemplos, haz los ejercicios de las páginas siguientes y corrígelos con las soluciones del final.

> ***There was*** (uno o algo no contable) y ***there were*** (varios) son el pasado de ***there is*** y ***there are***: «había».

UN DETALLE ÚTIL
«Había» sirve en español para singular y plural. En inglés debes elegir: *there was* o *there were*.

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- *There was a boat.* · *There was some water.*
- *There were three boats.*
- Negativa: *There wasn't a hotel.* · *There weren't any cars.*
  También: *There was no noise.*
- Pregunta: *Was there a café?* · *Were there any boats?*

EJEMPLOS

1. **There was** a café near the station.
   Había una cafetería cerca de la estación.
2. **There were** two bikes outside.
   Había dos bicis fuera.
3. **There was** a bank here, and **there were** two shops.
   Había un banco aquí, y había dos tiendas.

ERROR FRECUENTE

✗ EVITA	✓ MEJOR
~~*There was three boats.*~~	*There were three boats.*

Three boats es plural: there were.

EN CONTEXTO

Last summer, Dean and his sister Rosa went to a lake for the weekend. They took the train early in the morning because the road was always busy on Saturdays. **There was** a small hotel by the water, and **there were** three boats in front of it.

De *A Weekend at the Lake*, una historia A2 de letruna.com

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NOMBRE _____ FECHA _____

1 Completa con *there was* o *there were*

1 _____ lots of people at the concert.

2 _____ a problem with my ticket.

3 _____ some milk in the fridge.

4 _____ three letters for you.

5 _____ a big tree in our garden.

6 _____ ten students in the class.

7 _____ no buses after midnight.

8 _____ a lot of noise.

2 Escribe la frase en negativa (–) o en pregunta (?)

1 There was a hotel. (–)

2 There were some cars. (–)

3 There was a lift. (?)

4 There were many people. (?)

5 There was some bread. (–)

3 ¿Está bien? Si no, corrígela

1 There was five people at the party.

☐ Correcta

2 There were a cinema in my town.

☐ Correcta

3 Was there any problems?

☐ Correcta

4 There wasn't any water.

☐ Correcta

5 There were no time.

☐ Correcta

4 Completa el texto con *there was*, *there were*, *there wasn't*, *there weren't* o *was there*

there was · *was there* · *there were* · *there wasn't* · *there weren't*

My town twenty years ago

Twenty years ago, my town was very different. 1 _____ a cinema in the main square, but 2 _____ any big supermarkets. 3 _____ only two buses a day, and 4 _____ a small market every Saturday. 5 _____ a library? No, 6 _____.

5 Tu turno

¿Cómo era tu barrio, tu colegio o tu casa cuando eras pequeño? Escribe cuatro frases con there was o there were; al menos una, en negativa.

Soluciones

Corrige con otro color. Si fallas más de dos en un ejercicio, vuelve a la regla de la primera página o practica online, con corrección al instante, en letruna.com/gramatica/a2/there-was-were/.

1 · COMPLETA CON THERE WAS O THERE WERE

1 *There were*
2 *There was*
3 *There was*
4 *There were*
5 *There was*
6 *There were*
7 *There were*
8 *There was*

2 · ESCRIBE LA FRASE EN NEGATIVA (–) O EN PREGUNTA (?)

1 *There wasn't a hotel.*
2 *There weren't any cars.*
3 *Was there a lift?*
4 *Were there many people?*
5 *There wasn't any bread.*

3 · ¿ESTÁ BIEN? SI NO, CORRÍGELA

1 *There were five people at the party.*
2 *There was a cinema in my town.*
3 *Were there any problems?*
4 **Correcta**
5 *There was no time.*

4 · COMPLETA EL TEXTO CON THERE WAS, THERE WERE, THERE WASN'T, THERE WEREN'T O WAS THERE

1 *There was*
2 *there weren't*
3 *There were*
4 *there was*
5 *Was there*
6 *there wasn't*

5 · TU TURNO

Respuesta libre. Por ejemplo: *There was a small park near my school, but there weren't any shops.*

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