There ... and it ...

A

Study this example:





We use **there** ... when we talk about something for the first time, to say that it exists:

- There's a new restaurant in Hill Street. (not A new restaurant is in Hill Street)
- I'm sorry I'm late. **There was** a lot of traffic. (not It was a lot of traffic)
- Things are more expensive now. **There has been** a big rise in the cost of living.

It = a specific thing, place, fact, situation etc. (but see also **Section C**):

- \bigcirc We went to the new restaurant. **It**'s very good. (**It** = the restaurant)
- ☐ I wasn't expecting them to come. It was a complete surprise. (It = that they came)

Compare there and it:

I don't like this town. There's nothing to do here. It's a boring place.

There also means 'to/at/in that place':

○ When we got to the party, there were already a lot of people there (= at the party).

B

You can say there will be / there must be / there might be / there used to be etc.:

- Will you be busy tomorrow? **Will there be** much to do?
- (Is there a flight to Rome tonight?' 'There might be. I'll check the website.'
- If people drove more carefully, there wouldn't be so many accidents.

Also there must have been, there should have been etc.:

I could hear music coming from the house. There must have been somebody at home.

Compare there and it:

- They live on a busy road. **There must be** a lot of noise from the traffic.
- They live on a busy road. It must be very noisy.
- There used to be a cinema here, but it closed a few years ago.
- That building is now a supermarket. **It used to be** a cinema.

You can also say there is sure / bound (= sure) / likely to be Compare there and it:

- There's sure to be a flight to Rome tonight. (or There's bound to be ...)
- There's a flight to Rome tonight, but it's sure to be full. (it = the flight)

C

We also use it in sentences like this:

It's dangerous to walk in the road.

We do not usually say 'To walk in the road is dangerous'. Normally we begin with ${\bf lt}\dots$. Some more examples:

- It didn't take us long to get here.
- It's a shame (that) you can't come to the party.
- Let's go. It's not worth waiting any longer.

We also use it to talk about distance, time and weather:

- How far is it from here to the airport?
- What day is it today?
- It's a long time since we saw you last.
- It was windy yesterday. (but There was a cold wind.)

It's worth / it's no use / there's no point \rightarrow Unit 63

Sure to / bound to ... etc. \rightarrow Unit 65E

There is + -ing/-ed \rightarrow Unit 97

Exercises

•	Out in there is/was or it is/was. Some	e sentences are que	stions (is there ? / is it ?
	etc.) and some are negative (isn't/wa		
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	What's that building?		
	How do we get across the river?		
	A few days ago		
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