

a couple of = two or three

a couple of + Plural Countable Noun

noun = اسم

plural # singular

plural = جمع

singular = مفرد

countable # uncountable

countable = شمارش پذیر، قابل شمارش

uncountable = شمارش ناپذیر، شمارش قابل شمارش

Examples:

- There are **a couple of** books on the desk.
- **A couple of** students were absent.
- I'll be back in **a couple of** minutes.

no + Noun

Point:

When we use "no" before a noun, the verb of our sentence must be positive, but the meaning of the sentence is negative.

نکته:

هنگامی که «no» را پیش از یک اسم به کار می‌بریم، فعل جمله باید مثبت باشد اما معنای جمله منفی است.

Examples:

There **are no** plates on the table. = There **aren't any** plates on the table.

There **is no** sugar in my coffee. = There **isn't any** sugar in my coffee.

There is/are + Noun

Point:

“There is” and “There are” always agree with the first noun after them in number.

نکته:

از لحاظ مفرد و جمع بودن، «there is/are» با نخستین واژه‌ی پس از خود مطابقت می‌کنند.

Examples:

There **is** a teacher and twenty students in the class.

There **are** twenty students and a teacher in the class.

There **is** one God and many people in the world.

There **are** many people and one God in the world.

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