Activity Type

Grammar, Reading and Writing Exercises: short answer questions, identifying, error correction, writing sentences from prompts, writing a paragraph

Focus

There is/are

Aim

To practice *There is* and *There are*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is an apartment-themed worksheet to help students practice *There is/are*.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students read a text about the type of apartment Tyler and Kayla are looking for. Students then go through information about four apartments they could be interested in.

Next, students answer *Is/Are there...?* questions about the four apartments using short answers from a box.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. Yes, there are.   3. No, there aren't.
2. No, there isn't.   4. Yes, there is.

Students then correct mistakes in *There is/are* sentences about the apartments.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. no = a   2. are = is   3. they = there   4. aren't = isn't

After that, students write *Is there...?* or *Are there...?* questions for a set of answers.

Exercise C - Possible answers

1. Is there a bus stop near apartment 1?
2. Are there any restaurants near apartment 2?
3. Is there a dining room in apartment 3?
4. Are there lots of trees in front of apartment 4?

Lastly, students choose the apartment that they think is best for Tyler and Kayla and write a description of it using *There is* and *There are*.

Afterwards, students read their descriptions to the class and discuss which would be the most suitable apartment for the two people.

Tyler and Kayla are looking for a new home. They want an apartment with lots of natural light and lots of wardrobe space. They would like two bedrooms, but a large one-bedroom apartment is also okay. They would love to have a balcony and a dining room. They don't like a lot of noise. They want to be near a supermarket and a bus stop. They also like trees and nature, and they would enjoy having a park nearby. The age of the building isn't really important, but they like newer buildings. They also like going out to different restaurants, and they hope that they can go to restaurants near their new home. Tyler and Kayla know that they probably can't have everything, but they're hoping to find the most suitable apartment.

Apartment 1

The apartment
- two bedrooms
- a big living room window
- a big dining room next to the kitchen
- no balcony
- built in 2019

The neighbourhood
- 200 meters from a bus stop
- 300 meters from a supermarket
- 400 meters from a park
- lots of trees near the building
- lots of restaurants two kilometres away
- street traffic can be noisy, but the apartment is at the back of the building

Apartment 2

The apartment
- one big bedroom
- lots of windows
- large wardrobes in the bedroom
- one large balcony
- built in 2012

The neighbourhood
- 100 meters from a bus stop
- 200 meters from a supermarket
- across the street from a park that has lots of trees
- one tree in front of the building
- lots of restaurants nearby
- usually quiet

Apartment 3

The apartment
- one big bedroom
- a big bedroom window
- lots of wardrobes
- no balcony
- built in 1998

The neighbourhood
- 300 meters from a bus stop
- across the street from a supermarket
- 100 meters from a park
- two tall trees in front of the building
- some restaurants nearby
- sometimes a little noisy

Apartment 4

The apartment
- two bedrooms
- lots of windows
- large wardrobes in the bedrooms
- one small balcony
- built in 1991

The neighbourhood
- in front of a bus stop
- a short bus ride away from a supermarket
- 400 meters from a park
- one tree in front of the building
- lots of restaurants nearby
- usually quiet but some street traffic

A. Choose the correct short answer from the box for each question.

| Yes, there is. | No, there isn't. | Yes, there are. | No, there aren't. |

1. Are there a lot of trees near apartment 1? ....

2. Is there a small balcony in apartment 2? ....

3. Are there two bedrooms in apartment 3? ....

4. Is there a bus stop near apartment 4? ....

B. Each sentence has one incorrect word. Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. In apartment 1, there is no dining room.

2. In apartment 2, there are a supermarket 200 meters away.

3. In apartment 3, they are some restaurants nearby.

4. In apartment 4, there aren't usually any noise except for street traffic.

C. Write an *Is there…?* or *Are there…?* question for each answer.

1. Q: ....

   A: Yes, there is a bus stop 200 meters away from apartment 1.

2. Q: ....

   A: Yes, there are lots of restaurants near apartment 2.

3. Q: ....

   A: No, there isn't a dining room in apartment 3.

4. Q: ....

   A: No, there aren't. There is only one tree in front of apartment 4.

D. Choose the apartment that you think is the best for Kayla and Tyler and write a description of it using *There is* and *There are*.

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