Grammar Hub

5.1 there is/are

	Positive	Negative	
Singular	There's a washing machine in the kitchen.	There isn't a TV in the living room.	
Plural There are four chairs in the dining room. There aren't any cushions on the sofa.		ions on the sofa.	
	Question	Short answers	
Singular	Is there a microwave in the kitchen?	Yes, there is .	No, there isn't.
Plural	Are there any tomatoes in the fridge?	Yes, there are.	No, there aren't.

 We use there is / there are to say that something exists and talk about position.

There's a coffee machine in the kitchen. There are more plates in the cupboard.

• We use *any* in negative sentences and questions with plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

There aren't any plates in the cupboard. Is there any milk in the fridge?

Be careful!

- In a list of nouns, we use there is when the first is singular.

 There is a coffee maker, two cups and three plates on the table.
- In a list of nouns, we use there are when the first is plural.

 There are two cups, three plates and a coffee maker on the table.

5.2 can

	Positive	Negative
l/you/he/she/ it/we/they	She can swim .	She can't swim.

- We use *can* to about ability and what is possible.
- In the negative, we can also say cannot.
 She can't swim. OR She cannot swim.

	Question	Short answers	
l/you/he/she/	Can we go to the cinema?	Yes, you can .	No, you can't .
it/we/they			

Be careful!

He can sing. NOT He cans sing. NOT He can to sing.

5.3 Imperatives

• We use imperatives to tell someone to do something.

Phone me later.

Look at this website.

Give me your phone.

Open your books to page 23.

• We can use *please* to make imperatives more polite.

Please ask at reception.

We use don't to tell someone not to do something.
 Don't walk in the park at night.

Be careful!

Give me your phone. NOT To give me your phone.

5.1 there is/are

Δ	Complete the	sentences	with is	or	are
^	Complete the	sentences	VVILII 13	OI.	ure.

1		there a microwave
	in the kitchen?	
2	Therethe bathroom.	a mirror in
3	Therein the fridge.	some eggs
4	Therepeople here to see	some you.
5		there any
	bedrooms upstairs?	
6		there a coffee
	machine?	

B Use the prompts to write questions and short answers.

1	plates / in the cupboard			
	Are there any plates in the cupboard?	(?) No	, there aren't.	(-)
2	dishwasher / in the kitchen			
		(?)		(+)
3	swimming pool / in the garden			
		(?)		(-)
4	tomatoes / in the fridge			
		(?)		(-)
5	TV / in the bedroom			
		(?)		(-)
6	socks / in that drawer			
		(?)		(+)

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5.2 can

A Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

1	rm sorry. I	come	e on Saturday, i nav
	to work.		
2		_ you open the w	indow, please?
	It's very hot in he	re.	
3	She's not here I'm	afraid	I take a
	message?		
4	She	come out to	onight, because sh
	doesn't have any	money.	
5	I	speak Japanese	e, but not write it.
6	We	huv it now 1	The shop is closed

B Use the prompts to write sentences with *can*.

1	I / play / the guitar
2	they / leave / work / whenever they want
3	she / speak / Arabic / ?
4	where / I / buy / washing powder / ?
5	/ stay / at yours / tonight / ?

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5.3 Imperatives

A Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.

C	lose	drink	drive	play	talk	read	sit	
1	Don	′t			footb	all on t	the gra	ass.
2				the d	oor be	ehind y	ou.	
3				on th	e left.			
4	Don	′t			in the	e library	y.	
5	Don	′t			the w	/ater.		
6				this –	it's re	ally inte	erestin	g!
7	Plea	se			dow	n!		

B Match the verbs (1–6) with the phrases (a–f) to make imperative sentences.

imperative sericences.				
1	Go	а	me more about amazing buildings.	
2	Tell	b	the window. It's hot.	
3	Learn	c	the gardens on the roof.	
4	Look at	d	your shoes off please.	
5	Open	e	some Portuguese words before you go.	
6	Take	f	away.	
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