



General English - Beginner

Unit 8: Home Sweet Home

Objectives

- Grammar: There is/There are; Prepositions of place; some/any
- Vocabulary: Rooms and furniture
- Everyday Language: Directions
- Reading: Cape Town – BEST place in the world!



Language focus | Let's start!

1. Answer the questions.

- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Do you have a garden?

My house

2. Look at the house picture.

Listen and repeat the room names.  8.1



Language focus | There is / There are

3. Find the things in the house. Write the letters.

- ___ an armchair
- ___ a lamp
- ___ a table
- ___ a cooker
- ___ a laptop
- ___ a TV
- ___ a magazine
- ___ a shower
- ___ a bed
- ___ a picture
- ___ a toilet
- ___ a desk
- ___ a PlayStation
- ___ a fridge
- ___ a sofa

Listen, check and repeat. 🎧_{8.2}

4. Look at the house. Listen and repeat. 🎧_{8.3}

There's a cooker. There are two armchairs.
There's a sofa. There are two TVs.

5. Talk about the things in the rooms.

There are four pictures.

There is a sofa.



Two student flats

1. Listen to Jack and Sophie describe their flats.
Match them to the pictures.  8.4



Jack



Sophie

A. _____'s flat.



B. _____'s flat.



2. Read and complete about flat A and flat B

Flat A

My flat isn't very big, but because my kitchen and living room are one room, it feels big. I love it!

1. There's a blue sofa, and 2. _____ two old armchairs.
3. _____ a small kitchen table. I always have a bowl of fruit on it.
4. _____ four chairs round the table. I'm an artist, so 5. _____ a lot of my pictures on the walls.
6. _____ also lots of art books and magazines on the table and the floor! It's not very tidy, but I think it's great. It's my home.

Flat B

- I have a really cool flat. 7. _____ a great view of the park. My living room is big and comfortable.
8. _____ two new large black sofas and my favourite old armchair.
9. _____ a coffee table with a PlayStation on it, and 10. _____ a huge TV on the wall and 11. _____ a lot of posters of David Bowie – he's my hero!
12. _____ also a desk with a lamp on it – my living room is my study too.

Listen again and check.  8.4

3. Listen and repeat the questions and answers.  8.5

Sophie's flat

Is there a sofa?
✓ Yes, there is.
Are there any pictures?
✓ Yes, there are.

Jack's flat

Is there a kitchen table?
✗ No, there isn't.
Are there any books?
✗ No, there aren't.

4. Ask and answer questions about the things in flats A and B.

Is / Are there...

- | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| • a PS5 | • a laptop | • a desk | • armchairs |
| • a phone | • books | • a cooker | • a fridge |
| • a fruit bowl | • magazines | • posters | • photos |



5. Ask and answer questions about your teacher's house or flat.

Is there a TV in your study?

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Complete the sentences.

Positive

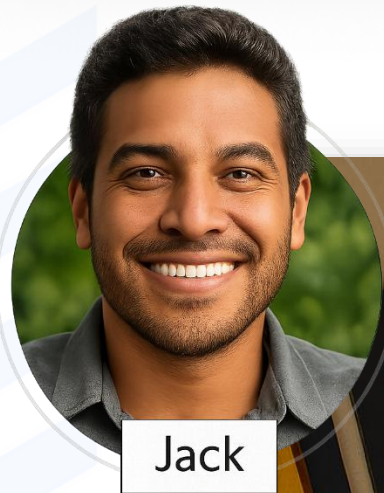
There's a sofa.
_____ two armchairs.

Questions

_____ there a PlayStation?
_____ there any magazines?

Negative

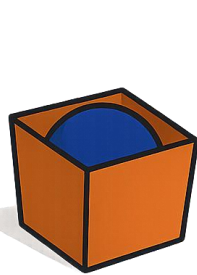
There isn't a TV.
There _____ any books.



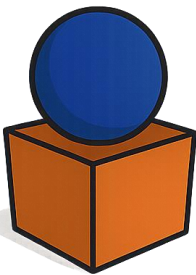
Jack's bedroom



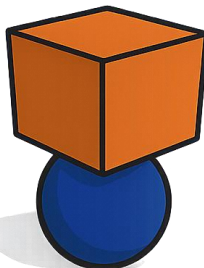
1. Look at the prepositions.



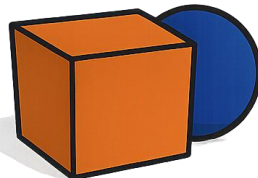
IN



ON



UNDER



NEXT TO

2. Look at Jack's bedroom. Write a preposition from exercise 1. Then listen and check.  8.6

1. Jack's cap is on the bed.
2. His trainers are _____ the bed.
3. There are some sports magazines _____ the floor _____ his bed.
4. His car keys are _____ the drawer.
5. There's a football _____ the floor _____ the chair.
6. There are some credit cards _____ the bedside table _____ his bed.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Positive: There are some magazines.

Questions: Are there any magazines?

Negative: There aren't any books.

3. Ask and answer questions about Jack's things using the correct preposition.

- jeans
- sports bag
- pens
- boots
- lamp
- magazines
- trainers
- chocolate
- coffee cup

Where's Jack's cap?

It's on the bed.

A phone call with Jack’s mum

4. Listen to Jack and tick (✓) what his mother asks about.  8.7

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☐ sofa | ☐ chairs |
| ☐ table | ☐ TV |
| ☐ pictures | ☐ lamp |
| ☐ posters | ☐ desk |

5. Listen again. Answer the questions.  8.7

- What does she like about the flat? What doesn’t she like? Why?
- When does she want to visit? Does Jack want her to visit?

1. Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

house – Do – live – or – you – flat – a – in

1. → Do you live in a house or a flat?

bedrooms – there – How – are – many

2. → _____

bedroom – there – Is – in – TV – a – the

3. → _____

PlayStation – under – TV – the – Is – a – there

4. → _____

living – books – a lot of – in – Are – there – room – your

5. → _____

photos – walls – there – on – the – any – Are

6. → _____

Listen and check.  8.8

2. Answer the questions above about yourself.

3. Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

- 1 ☐ Is a sofa in the living room?
☐ Is there a sofa in the living room?

- 2 ☐ There's PlayStation under the TV.
☐ There's a PlayStation under the TV.

- 3 ☐ Are there a poster on the wall?
☐ Are there any posters on the wall?

- 4 ☐ The table is next the bed.
☐ The table is next to the bed.

- 5 ☐ Is there a cat on the bed?
☐ Is there any cat on the bed?

1. Look at the map. Where is Cape Town?



2. Find these things in the photos.

- a mountain
- a bus
- seafood
- a beach
- a vineyard
- a train
- a ferry
- a campsite
- penguins

3. Read the text about Cape Town and match the five paragraph headings. Then check.



8.10

- Where to eat
- Where is it?
- When to go
- What to do
- How to travel
- Where to stay



Cape Town, South Africa

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Why? Wonderful views, fabulous beaches, friendly people and a cosmopolitan culture. It is the number one place to visit!

- 1. _____.
Cape Town is on the south-west coast of South Africa, below the famous and spectacular Table Mountain, named one of the Seven Wonders of Nature.
- 2. _____.
It is always a good time to visit Cape Town. The weather is warm and sunny most of the year. The best time for a beach holiday is at Christmas!
- 3. _____.
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- 4. _____.
Cape Town is a cosmopolitan city. There are Italian, Turkish, Japanese, Indian and French restaurants, and many more! It is by the sea, so there is a lot of delicious fresh seafood. Also, because of the lovely weather, there is a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables too, so the restaurants have the best ingredients. South Africans love their food.
- 5. _____.
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- 6. _____.
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4. Answer the questions.

- 1. Where in South Africa is Cape Town?
- 2. When is a good time to visit? Why?
- 3. When is the best time for a beach holiday?
- 4. What do people do ... ?
 - on the beach
 - at vineyards
 - at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront
- 5. Why is the seafood so delicious?
- 6. Are all the hotels expensive?
- 7. Why is Cape Town a nice place to go camping?
- 8. What is a good way to see the city?

5. Complete with adjectives from the text.

Countries	Nouns
1. amazing, famous, spectacular	1. Table Mountain
2. _____	2. trains
3. _____	3. weather
4. _____	4. buses
5. _____	5. beaches
6. _____	6. hotels
7. _____	7. penguins
8. _____	8. seafood
9. _____	9. vineyards
10. _____	10. city
11. _____	11. night life



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1. Listen to Ben. Tick (✓) the things he talks about.  8.11



- ☐ penguins
- ☐ his job
- ☐ kitesurfing
- ☐ French food
- ☐ seafood
- ☐ his brother
- ☐ his friends
- ☐ sunbathing
- ☐ football
- ☐ the weather
- ☐ Boulders Beach
- ☐ his girlfriend

2. Listen again. Answer the questions.  8.11

- Where does Ben live?
- Where does he work?
- Is his apartment big?
- What is his favourite food?
- Why does he like the wind?
- Does he have a pet?
- What sports does he like?
- When and where does he cycle?



3. Listen to four conversations with Ben. Complete the chart.  8.12

	Where is Ben?	Who is he talking to?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

About you!

4. Talk about your home town.

- Where do you live now?
- Is it a city or a town?
- What is your town like? (big/small, quiet/busy)
- What do people do there in their free time?
- Where do people usually shop?
- How do people travel around the town?
- Is it a good place to live?

5. Write about a town/ city you know.

- Where is it?
- When to visit?
- What to do?
- Where to eat?
- Where to stay?
- How to travel?



1. Find the places on the map.



- fish and chip shop
- garden centre
- souvenir shop
- hotel
- bank
- chemist's
- pub
- railway station
- the Beach Café
- cinema
- square
- newsagent's
- church
- supermarket
- football stadium
- campsite
- restaurant
- surf school

2. What do the signs mean?

turn right | go straight on | turn left



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

3. Listen to the directions. Start from **YOU ARE HERE** on the map.  8.13
Follow the directions. Where are you?

1. Go up the High Street. Turn right into Station Road. It's on the right next to the Italian restaurant. -> at the cinema.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

4. Have a similar conversation with your teacher. Ask about ...

- an Italian restaurant
- a pub
- a chemist's
- a campsite
- a bank
- a football stadium

Excuse me, is there a ... near here?

Yes. Go up ...

There is / There are

Positive

There's a sofa in the living room.
(There's = There is)

There are two bedrooms in my house.

Negative

There isn't a TV.
There aren't any pictures.

Questions

Is there a TV in the bedroom?
Are there any magazines on the table?
How many lamps **are there**?

Questions

Is there a TV in the bedroom?
Yes, **there is**.
No, **there isn't**.

Are there any photos on the wall?
Yes, **there are**.
No, **there aren't**.

some and any

1. We use *some* in positive sentences.

There are **some** chairs.

2. We use *any* in questions and negatives.

Does he have **any** photos?
There aren't **any** lamps.