

Watch out for common Turkish speakers' mistakes in English!

Turkish learners often use the wrong form of *there is* and *there are*.

Get it right! Use:

- **there is** with singular nouns. Remember that words like *everything* and *nothing* are singular:
WRONG ~~There are everything we need.~~
CORRECT *There **is** everything we need.*
- **there are** with plural nouns:
WRONG ~~There is a lot of trees.~~
CORRECT *There **are** a lot of trees.*

Turkish learners often miss out the word *there* and sometimes miss the whole phrase *there is* or *there are*.

Get it right! Use:

- the complete phrases **there is** and **there are**:
WRONG ~~On my mobile phone is a radio.~~
CORRECT *On my mobile phone **there is** a radio.*
WRONG ~~I think something exciting here.~~
CORRECT *I think **there is** something exciting here.*

Turkish learners often use *much* when they should use *a lot of*.

Get it right! Use:

- **a lot of** in most affirmative sentences:
WRONG ~~I do much exercise.~~
CORRECT *I do **a lot of** exercise.*

Turkish learners sometimes use *a lot of* when they should use *much* or *many*.

Get it right! Use:

- **much** or **many** in negative sentences or after *so* or *too*:
WRONG ~~I got too a lot of presents.~~
CORRECT *I got **too many** presents.*

Turkish learners often confuse *much* and *many*.

Get it right! Use:

- **many** with plural countable nouns:
WRONG ~~I have so much things to talk about.~~
CORRECT *I have so **many** things to talk about.*
- **much** with uncountable nouns:
WRONG ~~I don't watch many television.~~
CORRECT *I don't watch **much** television.*

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1 ★ Circle the correct words.

- There is / are no furniture in the room.
- There *isn't* / aren't any water in the bottle.
- There *is* / are some animals here.
- I always drink *much* / a lot of water.
- I have to do so *much* / many homework.
- I can't buy *much* / many things.

2 ★ Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 My uncle eats so | a lot of friends. |
| 2 My sister knows | b some sandwiches here. |
| 3 Are you hungry? There is | c many sandwiches. |
| 4 My sister has a | d much food! |
| 5 Are you hungry? There are | e food on the table. |
| 6 I think there are too | f many people at school. |

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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- The village school doesn't have many pupils.
- There many people here today.
- Merve has brothers and sisters.
- There's too salt in the soup.
- I can't have a shower. There any hot water.
- There some presents for you.

4 ★★ Correct the underlined mistake in each sentence.

- My mum gives me much good advice.
a lot of

- Don't eat too many ice cream!

- There are some cheese in the fridge.

- In my city is a big shopping centre.

- In the bedroom a large bed.

- There isn't any flowers in her garden.

5 ★★★ Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the incorrect sentences.

- In our art room are many beautiful things. ☐
In our art room there are many beautiful things.
- We spend much time at the cinema. ☐
- I have got too much homework. ☐
- In the village have a post office. ☐
- Elif doesn't have much cousins. ☐
- In my classroom there is six big tables. ☐

6 ★★★ Write a paragraph about the things in a town or city you know well. Include at least two sentences with *there is/are* and at least two with *much, many or a lot of*.

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