

There was / There were

Affirmative				Negative			
There	was	a gas explosion	yesterday.	There	wasn't	a fire.	
	were	two car accidents	last week.		was no	fire.	
				weren't	any injuries.		
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Yes/No questions				Short answers					
Was	there	a fire?		Yes,	there	was.	No,	there	wasn't.
Were		any injuries?		were.		weren't.			

Read the conversations. Circle *there*. Complete the questions with *was* or *were*.

1. A: There were a lot of fire trucks here last night.

B: _____ there a fire?

A: Yes, there was. There was a big fire in an apartment building.

2. A: There was an accident near the school this morning.

B: _____ there an ambulance?

A: Yes, there was. But no one was hurt.

3. A: There was a robbery at the bank last week.

B: _____ there any policemen nearby?

A: No, there weren't. And the robber got away!