Scheda 23- There is/There are Michela Giordano

THERE IS - THERE ARE C'E', CI SONO

In queste espressioni THERE, pur non essendo grammaticalmente il soggetto del verbo to be (è un avverbio di luogo = lì), si comporta come se fosse il soggetto.

Forma	Costruzione	Esempio
Forma affermativa	There is (there's) There are	There is a book on the desk. There are some books on the desk.
Forma negativa	There is not (there isn't) There are not (there aren't)	There isn't any snow. There aren't any students in the classroom.
Forma interrogativa	Is there? Are there?	Is there anybody at home? Are there any letters for Mark?
Short answers	Yes, there is/are No, there isn't/aren't	 Is there a good restaurant near here? Yes, there is. No, there isn't.

La stessa costruzione può essere utilizzata anche per gli altri tempi del verbo to be:

Tempo verbale	Costruzione	Esempio
Simple Past	There was/were There was/were not Was/Were there?	There was a good film on TV last night.
Present Perfect	There have/has been There have/has not been Have/Has there been?	There has been a storm here.
Futuro	There will be There will not be (there won't be) Will there be?	There will be a lot of people at Mark's party tomorrow.