

# Hay – It's not for horses!

Hay (pronounced like “eye”) is a very easy verb to use in Spanish. It means “there is / there are”. You don't have to worry about conjugating!

Let's look at some examples:

You can use it to ask how many things there are.

¿Cuántos estudiantes **hay** en la clase? –  
How many students **are there** in the class?

Answer like this:

**Hay** veinte estudiantes en la clase.  
**There are** twenty students in the class.

You can use it to ask what items are in something

¿Qué **hay** en tu dormitorio?  
What **is (there)** in your bedroom?

**Hay** una cama y un armario.  
**There is** a bed and a closet.

¿Qué **hay** en tu mochila?  
What **is (there)** in your back pack?

En mi mochila **hay** libros y lápices.  
In my backpack **there are** books and pencils.

You can also use it to ask if something exists

¿**Hay** un hotel en el centro?  
**Is there** a hotel downtown?

Sí. Sí **hay**.  
Yes. Yes **there is**.

¿**Hay** algunos libros por aquí?  
**Are there** any books around here?

No. **No hay**.  
No. **No there aren't**.