1. We really like our neighborhood. … a nice park near our home.
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

2. About how many countries … in the world now?
   a) Is there  
   b) Are there  
   c) Was there  
   d) Were there  

3. How many people … at your birthday party last week?
   a) Is there  
   b) Are there  
   c) Was there  
   d) Were there  

4. According to Wikipedia, … about 200 countries in the world.
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

5. There are many restaurants near our school. … even a Thai restaurant!
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

6. … a strange scary sound outside last night. Maybe it was a ghost!
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

7. … a lot of trick-or-treaters at our home last year.
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

8. Did you know that … a big flood in our city ten years ago?
   a) There is  
   b) There are  
   c) There was  
   d) There were  

9. … enough chairs for all the guests at Tom's dinner party last week?
   a) Is there  
   b) Are there  
   c) Was there  
   d) Were there  

10. When I was a young kid, … a sitcom on TV called Three's Company.
    a) There is  
    b) There are  
    c) There was  
    d) There were  

11. A few years ago, there wasn’t a shuttle bus to the airport, but … now.
    a) There is  
    b) There are  
    c) There was  
    d) There were  

12. Amazingly, there were one billion fewer people in 2008 than … in 2020.
    a) There is  
    b) There are  
    c) There was  
    d) There were  

13. How many letters … in the English alphabet?
    a) Is there  
    b) Are there  
    c) Was there  
    d) Were there  

14. There are now more letters in the alphabet than … about 500 years ago.
    a) There is  
    b) There are  
    c) There was  
    d) There were
**GRAMMAR QUIZ**

**Grammar Focus**  ‘there is/are’ vs ‘there was/were’

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