NAME: _____ DATE: _____

GRAMMAR QUIZ: THERE IS/ARE vs THERE WAS/WERE

● *Choose the best words to complete the following sentences.*

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

| 13 – 14 = **Excellent!** | 11 – 12 = **Good!** | 9 – 10 = **Study More!** |

Grammar Focus 'there is/are' vs 'there was/were'
           Level Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

1. A	**8.** C
2. B	**9.** D
3. D	**10.** C
4. B	**11.** A
5. A	**12.** D
6. C	**13.** B
7. D	**14.** D

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14 / 14 = 100%
13 / 14 = 93
12 / 14 = 86
11 / 14 = 79
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 9 / 14 = 64
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