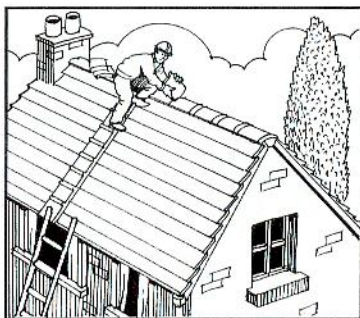
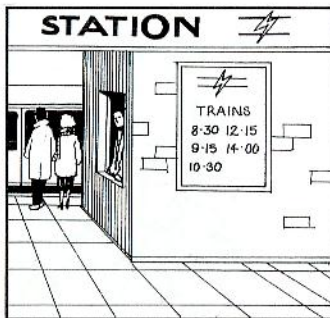


# there is there are

A



There's a man on the roof.



There's a train at 10.30.



There are seven days in a week.

singular

there is ... (there's)  
is there ... ?  
there is not ... (there isn't  
or there's not)

plural

there are ...  
are there ... ?  
there are not ... (there aren't)

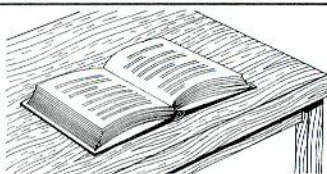
- There's a big tree in the garden.
- There's a good film on TV tonight.
- A: Have you got any money?  
B: Yes, **there's** some in my bag.
- A: Excuse me, **is there** a hotel near here?  
B: Yes, **there is**. / No, **there isn't**.
- We can't go skiing. **There isn't** any snow.

- **There are** some big trees in the garden.
- **There are** a lot of accidents on this road.
- A: **Are there** any letters for me today?  
B: Yes, **there are**. / No, **there aren't**.
- This restaurant is very quiet. **There aren't** many people here.
- How many players **are there** in a football team?
- **There are** 11 players in a football team.

B

there is and it is

there is



There's a book on the table.  
(not 'It's a book on the table.')

it is



I like **this book**. **It's** interesting.  
(**it** = this book)

Compare:

- 'What's **that noise**?' 'It's a train.' (**it** = that noise)
- **There's** a train at 10.30. **It's** a fast train. (**it** = the 10.30 train)
- **There's** a lot of salt in this soup.  
I don't like **this soup**. **It's** too salty. (**it** = this soup)

EXERCISES

36.1 Kenham is a small town. Look at the information in the box and write sentences about Kenham with **There is/are** or **There isn't/aren't**.

1	a castle?	No
2	any restaurants?	Yes (a lot)
3	a hospital?	Yes
4	a swimming pool?	No
5	any cinemas?	Yes (two)
6	a university?	No
7	any big hotels?	No

- 1 There isn't a castle.
- 2 There are a lot of restaurants.
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....

36.2 Write sentences about your town (or a town that you know). Use **There is/are/isn't/aren't**.

- 1 There are a few restaurants.
- 2 There's a big park.
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

36.3 Put in **there is / there isn't / is there / there are / there aren't / are there**.

- 1 Kenham isn't an old town. There aren't any old buildings.
- 2 Look! ..... a photograph of your brother in the newspaper!
- 3 'Excuse me, ..... a bank near here?' 'Yes, at the end of the street.'
- 4 ..... five people in my family: my parents, my two sisters and me.
- 5 'How many students ..... in the class?' 'Twenty.'
- 6 'Can we take a photograph?' 'No, ..... a film in the camera.'
- 7 '..... a bus from the city centre to the airport?' 'Yes. Every 20 minutes.'
- 8 '..... any problems?' 'No, everything is OK.'
- 9 ..... nowhere to sit down. .... any chairs.

36.4 Write sentences with **There are ...**. Choose from the boxes.

<del>seven</del>	twenty-six
nine	thirty
fifteen	fifty

letters	<del>days</del>
players	days
planets	states

September	the solar system
the USA	<del>a week</del>
a rugby team	the English alphabet

- 1 There are seven days in a week.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

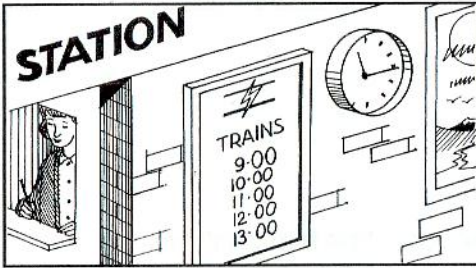
36.5 Put in **there's / is there / it's / is it**.

- 1 'There's a train at 10.30.' 'Is it a fast train?'
- 2 I'm not going to buy this shirt. .... very expensive.
- 3 'What's wrong?' '..... something in my eye.'
- 4 ..... a red car outside the house. .... yours?
- 5 '..... anything on television tonight?' 'Yes, ..... a film at 8.15.'
- 6 'What's that building?' '..... a school.'
- 7 '..... a restaurant in this hotel?' 'No, I'm afraid not.'

there was/were  
there will be

there has/have been

**A** there was / there were (past)



**There is** a train every hour.

The time now is 11.15.

**There was** a train at 11 o'clock.

Compare:

**there is/are** (present)

- **There is** a good film on TV tonight.
- We are staying at a very big hotel. **There are** 250 rooms.
- **Are there** any letters for me this morning?
- I'm hungry but **there isn't** anything to eat.

**there was/were** (past)

- **There was** a good film on TV last night.
- We stayed at a very big hotel. **There were** 250 rooms.
- **Were there** any letters for me yesterday?
- When I got home, I was hungry but **there wasn't** anything to eat.

**B** there has been / there have been (present perfect)



- Look! **There's been** an accident. (**there's been** = there **has** been)
- This road is very dangerous. **There have been** many accidents.

Compare **there was** (past):

- **There was** an accident **last night**. (not 'There has been an accident last night.')

For *past simple* and *present perfect* see Unit 20.

**C** there will be



- Do you think **there will be** a lot of people at the party on Saturday?
- The manager of the company is leaving, so **there will be** a new manager soon.
- I'm going away tomorrow. I'll do my packing today because **there won't be** time tomorrow. (**there won't be** = there **will not be**)

was/were ⇒ UNIT 10

has/have been ⇒ UNITS 15-18

will ⇒ UNIT 28

there is/are ⇒ UNIT 36

there and it ⇒ UNITS 36, 38

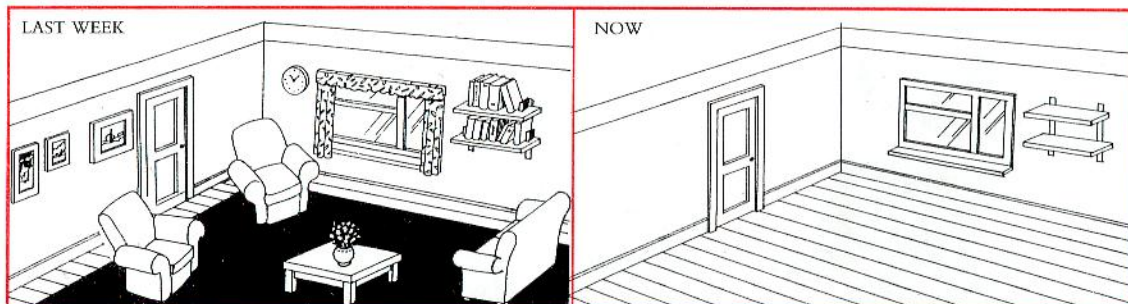
some and any ⇒ UNIT 75

EXERCISES

37.1

Look at the two pictures. Now the room is empty but what was in the room last week? Write sentences with **There was ...** or **There were ...** + the words in the list.

- an armchair    a carpet    some flowers    a sofa  
 some books    a clock    three pictures    a small table



- 1 There was a clock on the wall near the window.
- 2 ..... on the floor.
- 3 ..... on the wall near the door.
- 4 ..... in the middle of the room.
- 5 ..... on the table.
- 6 ..... on the shelves.
- 7 ..... in the corner near the door.
- 8 ..... opposite the door.

37.2

Put in **there was / there wasn't / was there / there were / there weren't / were there**.





- 1 I was hungry but there wasn't anything to eat.
- 2 Were there any letters for me yesterday?
- 3 ..... a football match on TV last night. Did you see it?
- 4 'We stayed at a very nice hotel.' 'Did you? ..... a swimming pool?'
- 5 'Did you buy any eggs?' 'No, ..... any in the shop.'
- 6 The wallet was empty. .... any money in it.
- 7 '..... many people at the meeting?' 'No, very few.'
- 8 We didn't visit the museum. .... enough time.
- 9 I'm sorry I'm late. .... a lot of traffic.
- 10 Twenty years ago ..... many tourists here. Now there are a lot.

37.3

Put in **there + is / are / was / were / has been / have been / will be**.

- 1 There was a good film on TV yesterday evening.
- 2 ..... 24 hours in a day.
- 3 ..... a party at the club last Friday but I didn't go.
- 4 'Where can I buy a newspaper?' '..... a shop at the end of the street.'
- 5 'Why are those policemen outside the bank?' '..... a robbery.'
- 6 When we arrived at the cinema, ..... a long queue to see the film.
- 7 When you arrive tomorrow, ..... somebody at the station to meet you.
- 8 Ten years ago ..... 500 children at the school. Now ..... more than a thousand.
- 9 Last week I went back to the town where I was born. It's very different now. .... a lot of changes.
- 10 I think everything will be OK. I don't think ..... any problems.

**A** We use **it** for *time/day/distance/weather*:

<p><i>time</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What time is <b>it</b>?</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> half past ten.</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> late.</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> time to go home.</li> </ul>
<p><i>day</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What day is <b>it</b>?</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> Thursday.</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> 16 March.</li> <li>• <b>It</b> was my birthday yesterday.</li> </ul>
<p><i>distance</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It's</b> three miles from our house to the city centre.</li> <li>• How far is <b>it</b> from London to Bristol?</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> a long way from here to the station.</li> <li>• We can walk home. <b>It</b> isn't far.</li> </ul> <p>We use <b>far</b> in <i>questions (is it far?)</i> and <i>negatives (it isn't far)</i>. We use <b>a long way</b> in <i>positive sentences (it's a long way)</i>.</p>
<p><i>weather</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It's</b> raining. <b>It</b> isn't raining. Is <b>it</b> snowing?</li> <li>• <b>It</b> rains a lot here. <b>It</b> didn't rain yesterday. Does <b>it</b> snow very often?</li> <li>• <b>It's</b> warm/hot/cold/fine/cloudy/windy/sunny/foggy/dark <i>etc.</i></li> <li>• <b>It's</b> a nice day today.</li> </ul> <p>Compare <b>it</b> and <b>there</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It rains</b> a lot in winter. <b>There</b> is a lot of rain in winter.</li> <li>• <b>It</b> was very windy. <b>There</b> was a strong wind yesterday.</li> </ul>

**B** **It's nice to ... etc.**

<b>It's</b>	<b>easy / difficult / impossible / dangerous / safe expensive / interesting / nice / wonderful / terrible etc.</b>	<b>to ...</b>
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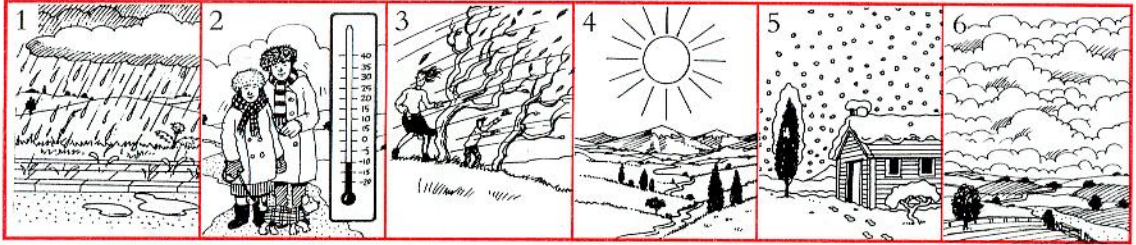
- **It** 's nice **to see you again**. (**it** = to see you again)
- **It's** impossible **to understand her**. (**it** = to understand her)
- **It** wasn't easy **to find your house**. (**it** = to find your house)

**C** Don't forget **it**:

- **It's** raining again. (*not* 'Is raining again')
- Is **it** true that you are going away? (*not* 'Is true that ...')

EXERCISES

38.1 Write about the weather in the pictures. Use **It's** ...



- 1 *It's raining.* ..... 4 .....  
 2 ..... 5 .....  
 3 ..... 6 .....

38.2 Put in **it is (it's)** or **is it**.

- 1 What time *is it* ?  
 2 We must go now. .... very late.  
 3 ..... true that Bill can fly a helicopter?  
 4 'What day ..... today? Tuesday?' 'No, ..... Wednesday.'  
 5 ..... ten kilometres from the airport to the city centre.  
 6 ..... possible to phone you at your office?  
 7 'Do you want to walk to the restaurant?' 'I don't know. How far ..... ?'  
 8 ..... Linda's birthday today. She's 27.  
 9 I don't believe it! ..... impossible.

38.3 Write questions with **How far ... ?**

- 1 (here / the station) ..... *How far is it from here to the station?* .....  
 2 (the hotel / the beach) How .....  
 3 (New York / Washington) .....  
 4 (your house / the airport) .....

38.4 Put in **it** or **there**.

- 1 *It* rains a lot in winter. 6 I was afraid because ..... was very dark.  
 2 *There* was a strong wind yesterday. 7 ..... was a storm last night. Did you  
 3 ..... was a nice day yesterday. hear it?  
 4 We can't go skiing. .... isn't any snow. 8 ..... 's a long way from here to the  
 5 ..... 's hot in this room. Open a window. nearest shop.

38.5 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

it's	easy	dangerous	to	work in this office	<del>get up early</del>
	<del>difficult</del>	nice		visit different places	go out alone
	impossible	interesting		see you again	make friends

- 1 If you go to bed late, *it's difficult to get up early* ..... in the morning.  
 2 Hello, Jill. .... How are you?  
 3 ..... There is too much noise.  
 4 Everybody is very nice at work. ....  
 5 I like travelling. ....  
 6 A lot of cities are not safe. .... at night.

# I am I don't etc.

A



She isn't tired but **he is**.  
(**he is** = he is tired)



He likes tea but **she doesn't**.  
(**she doesn't** = she doesn't like tea)

In these examples, it is not necessary to repeat words ('he is *tired*', 'she doesn't *like tea*').

You can use these verbs in the same way:

**am/is/are**  
**was/were**  
**have/has**  
**do/does/did**  
**can**  
**will**  
**might**  
**must**

- I haven't got a car but my sister **has**. (= my sister has got a car)
- A: Please help me.  
B: I'm sorry. I **can't**. (= I can't help you)
- A: Are you tired?  
B: I **was**, but I'm **not** now. (= I was tired but I'm not tired now)
- A: Do you think Ann will phone this evening?  
B: She **might**. (= she might phone)
- A: Are you going now?  
B: Yes, I'm afraid I **must**. (= I must go)

You *cannot* use 'm/'s/'ve etc. (short forms) in this way. You must use **am/is/have** etc.:

- She isn't tired but he **is**. (*not ... but he's*)

But you *can* use **isn't** / **haven't** / **won't** etc. (negative short forms):

- My sister has got a car but I **haven't**.
- 'Are you and Jim working tomorrow?' 'I am but Jim **isn't**.'

B

You can use **I am** / **I'm not** etc. after **Yes** and **No**:

- 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**.'
- 'Will Alan be here tomorrow?' 'Yes, he **will**. / No, he **won't**.'
- 'Is there a bus to the airport?' 'Yes, there **is**. / No, there **isn't**.'

C

We use **do/does** for the *present simple*: (⇒ Units 6–7)

- I don't like hot weather but Sue **does**. (= Sue likes hot weather)
- Sue works hard but I **don't**. (= I don't work hard)
- 'Do you enjoy your work?' 'Yes, I **do**.'

We use **did** for the *past simple*: (⇒ Unit 12)

- A: Did you and John enjoy the film?  
B: I **did** but John **didn't**. (= I enjoyed it but John didn't enjoy it)
- 'I enjoyed the film.' 'I **did** too.' (= I enjoyed it too)
- 'Did it rain yesterday?' 'No, it **didn't**.'

EXERCISES

39.1 Complete these sentences. Use only one verb (**is/have/can** etc.) each time.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Kate wasn't hungry but we <u>were</u> . | 4 I haven't seen the film but Tom ..... |
| 2 I'm not married but my brother .....    | 5 Diane won't be here but Chris .....   |
| 3 Bill can't help you but I .....         | 6 You weren't late but I .....          |

39.2 Complete these sentences with a negative verb (**isn't/haven't/can't** etc.).

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 My sister can play the piano but I <u>can't</u> . | 4 Richard has got a car but I ..... |
| 2 Ann is working today but I .....                  | 5 I'm ready to go but Tom .....     |
| 3 I was working but my friends .....                | 6 I've got a key but Sally .....    |

39.3 Complete these sentences with **do/does/did** or **don't/doesn't/didn't**.

- I don't like hot weather but Sue does .
- Sue likes hot weather but I don't .
- My mother wears glasses but my father .....
- You don't know Paul very well but I .....
- I didn't enjoy the party but my friends .....
- I don't watch TV much but Peter .....
- Kate lives in London but her parents .....
- You had a shower this morning but I .....

39.4 Complete the sentences. Write about yourself and other people. (See the example.)

- I didn't go out last night but my friends did.
- I like ..... but .....
- I don't ..... but .....
- I'm .....
- I haven't .....

39.5 Put in a verb, positive or negative.

- 'Are you tired?' 'I was earlier but I'm not now.'
- John is happy today but he ..... yesterday.
- The post office isn't open yet but the shops .....
- I haven't got a video camera but I know somebody who .....
- I would like to help you but I'm afraid I .....
- I don't usually go to work by car but I ..... yesterday.
- A: Have you ever been to the United States?  
B: No, but Sandra ..... She went there on holiday last year.
- 'Do you and Ann watch TV a lot?' 'I ..... but Ann doesn't.'
- I've been invited to the party but Kate .....
- 'Do you think Diane will pass her exams?' 'Yes, I'm sure she .....
- 'Are you going out this evening?' 'I ..... I don't know for sure.'

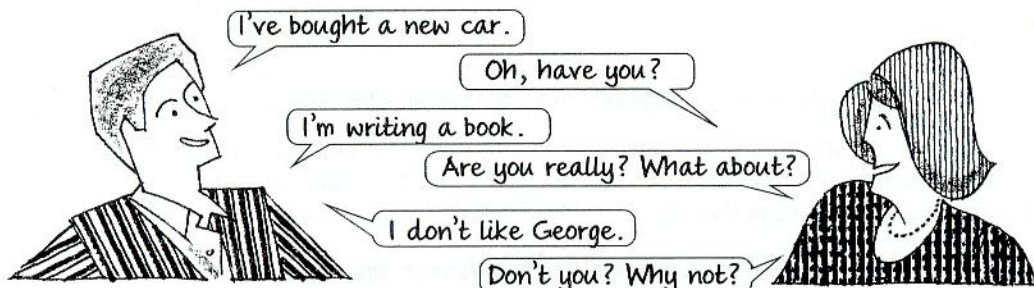
39.6 Answer these questions about yourself. Use **Yes, I have.** / **No, I'm not.** etc.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Are you British? <u>No, I'm not.</u> | 6 Do you like classical music? .....    |
| 2 Have you got a car? .....            | 7 Will you be in Paris tomorrow? .....  |
| 3 Do you feel well? .....              | 8 Have you ever been in hospital? ..... |
| 4 Is it snowing? .....                 | 9 Did you buy anything yesterday? ..... |
| 5 Are you hungry? .....                | 10 Were you asleep at 3 a.m.? .....     |



# Have you? Are you? Don't you? etc.

## A



You can say **have you?** / **is it?** / **can't he?** etc. to show that you are interested or surprised:

- 'You're late.' 'Oh, **am I?** I'm sorry.'
- 'I was ill last week.' 'Were **you?** I didn't know that.'
- 'It's raining again.' 'Is **it?** It was sunny ten minutes ago.'
- 'There's a letter for you.' 'Is **there?** Where is it?'
- 'Bill **can't** drive.' 'Can't **he?** I didn't know that.'
- 'I'm **not** hungry.' 'Aren't **you?** I am.'
- 'Sue **isn't** at work today.' 'Isn't **she?** Is she ill?'

Use **do/does** for the *present simple* and **did** for the *past simple*:

- 'I **speak** four languages.' 'Do **you?** Which ones?'
- 'Tom **doesn't** eat meat.' 'Doesn't **he?** Does he eat fish?'
- 'Linda **got** married last week.' 'Did **she?** Really?'

## B

### Question tags

You can use **have you?** / **is it?** / **can't she?** etc. at the end of a sentence.

These 'mini-questions' are *question tags*.

a *positive* sentence → a *negative* question tag  
a *negative* sentence → a *positive* question tag



*positive* → *negative*

It's a beautiful day, **isn't it?**  
Sally lives in London, **doesn't she?**  
You closed the window, **didn't you?**  
Those shoes are nice, **aren't they?**  
Tom will be here soon, **won't he?**

Yes, it's lovely.  
Yes, that's right.  
Yes, I think so.  
Yes, very nice.  
Yes, probably.

*negative* → *positive*

That **isn't** your car, **is it?**  
You **haven't** met my mother, **have you?**  
Sally **doesn't** smoke, **does she?**  
You **won't** be late, **will you?**

No, my car is white.  
No, I haven't.  
No, she doesn't.  
No, I'm never late.

EXERCISES

40.1 Answer with **Do you?** / **Doesn't she?** / **Did they?** etc.

- 1 I speak four languages.
- 2 I work in a bank.
- 3 I didn't go to work yesterday.
- 4 Jill doesn't like me.
- 5 You look tired.
- 6 Julia phoned me last night.

- Do you** ..... ? Which ones?  
 ..... ? I work in a bank too.  
 ..... ? Were you ill?  
 ..... ? Why not?  
 ..... ? I feel fine.  
 ..... ? What did she say?

40.2 Answer with **Have you?** / **Haven't you?** / **Did she?** / **Didn't she?** etc.

- 1 I've bought a new car.
- 2 Tim doesn't eat meat.
- 3 I've lost my key.
- 4 Sue can't drive.
- 5 I was born in Italy.
- 6 I didn't sleep well last night.
- 7 There's a film on TV tonight.
- 8 I'm not happy.
- 9 I met Paula last week.
- 10 Margaret works in a factory.
- 11 I won't be here next week.
- 12 The clock isn't working.

- Have you** ..... ? What make is it?  
**Doesn't he** ..... ? Does he eat fish?  
 ..... ? When did you last have it?  
 ..... ? She should learn.  
 ..... ? I didn't know that.  
 ..... ? Was the bed uncomfortable?  
 ..... ? Are you going to watch it?  
 ..... ? Why not?  
 ..... ? How is she?  
 ..... ? What kind of factory?  
 ..... ? Where will you be?  
 ..... ? It was working yesterday.

40.3 Complete these sentences with a question tag (**isn't it?** / **haven't you?** etc.).

- 1 It's a beautiful day, **isn't it** ?
- 2 These flowers are nice, ..... ?
- 3 Judy was at the party, ..... ?
- 4 You've been to Paris, ..... ?
- 5 You speak German, ..... ?
- 6 Martin looks tired, ..... ?
- 7 You'll help me, ..... ?

- Yes, it's lovely.  
 Yes, what are they?  
 Yes, but I didn't speak to her.  
 Yes, many times.  
 Yes, but not very well.  
 Yes, he works very hard.  
 Yes, of course I will.

40.4 Complete these sentences with a question tag, positive (**is it?** / **do you?** etc.) or negative (**isn't it?** / **don't you?** etc.).

- 1 You haven't got a car, **have you** ?
- 2 You aren't tired, ..... ?
- 3 Carol is a very nice person, ..... ?
- 4 You can play the piano, ..... ?
- 5 You don't know Mike's sister, ..... ?
- 6 Sally went to university, ..... ?
- 7 The film wasn't very good, ..... ?
- 8 Ann lives near you, ..... ?
- 9 You won't tell anybody what I said, ..... ?

- No, I can't drive.  
 No, I feel fine.  
 Yes, everybody likes her.  
 Yes, but I'm not very good.  
 No, I've never met her.  
 Yes, she studied economics.  
 No, it was terrible.  
 That's right. In the same street.  
 No, of course not.