

“There is” and “there are”

In Spanish we use a “strange” form of the verb “haber”.

“I have” in Spanish is “yo he” (which, as you know, doesn't mean to have as property, so it would be like a “I have + participle” that is waiting for the participle to arrive), “he has” is “él ha”, and here we should add another form, the “impersonal” form: **hay**

The verb would end up looking like this:

Yo	he
Tú	has
Él	ha
(impersonal)	hay
Nosotros	hemos
Vosotros	habéis
Ellos	han

This impersonal form is the one we use to say that there is something, in other words, that something exists:

There is a building: hay un edificio

There is a chair: hay una silla

There is a problem: hay un problema

There is a word: hay una palabra

There is space in the hard drive: hay espacio en el disco duro

The easy part is that it doesn't change for plural:

There are seven doors: hay siete puertas

There are two options: hay dos opciones

There are clouds in the sky: hay nubes en el cielo