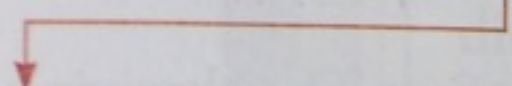
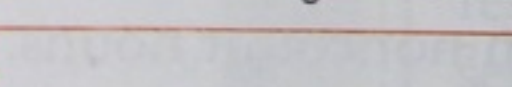
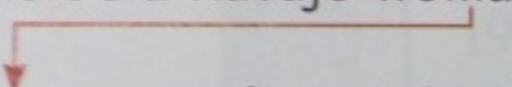


5.8 Using *There*

EXAMPLES	EXPLANATION
<p>There's a reservation in Wyoming. There are reservations in California and Utah.</p>	<p>The contraction for <i>there is</i> = <i>there's</i>. We don't write a contraction for <i>there are</i>.</p>
<p>There is one onion and three celery stalks in the recipe. There are three celery stalks and one onion in the recipe. There is dessert and coffee after the dinner.</p>	<p>If two nouns follow <i>there</i>, use a singular verb (<i>is</i>) if the first noun is singular. Use a plural verb (<i>are</i>) if the first noun is plural.</p>
<p>Informal: There's a lot of reservations in California. Formal: There are a lot of reservations in California.</p>	<p>In conversation, you will sometimes hear <i>there's</i> with plural nouns.</p>
<p>There are over 500 tribes in the U.S.  They each have their own traditions. There's a Navajo reservation in Arizona.  It's very big. There's a Navajo woman in my chemistry class.  She comes from Arizona.</p>	<p>After we introduce a noun with <i>there</i>, we can continue to speak of this noun with a pronoun (<i>they, it, she, etc.</i>).</p>
<p>Is there unemployment on some reservations? Yes, there is. Are there any reservations in California? Yes, there are. How many Navajo Indians are there in Arizona?</p>	<p>Observe the word order in questions with <i>there</i>.</p>
<p><i>Wrong:</i> <i>There's</i> the Grand Canyon in Arizona. <i>Right:</i> The Grand Canyon is in Arizona.</p>	<p>Don't use <i>there</i> to introduce a specific or unique noun.</p>