Puzzle 7: the *there* construction in English

If submitting for <u>feedback</u>, submit electronically on Monday, **3 April 2023**, by 11.55pm

If submitting for <u>assessment</u>, submit electronically on Thursday, **20 April 2023**, by 11.55pm

Consider the following sentences:

(1) **There was a dog in the garden**
(2) **There are many children in that nursery**
(3) **There are few children in that nursery**
(4) **There were a few children in that nursery**
(5) **There were four dogs in the garden**
(6) **There are no children in that nursery**
(7) **There are fewer than three dogs in the garden**
(8) *****There is every guest in the garden**
(9) *****There are most guests in the garden**
(10) *****There is every book on the subject**

Showing the required inference patterns, characterize the class of quantifiers that are permitted in the *there* construction with the help of the properties of quantifiers discussed in class. Note any problems or issues that arise (it is important to discuss problems with your approach if these arise!). Be sure to take into account the discussion on *few* and *many* in Kearns (2011: 96-103) (the obligatory reading for this week) when you consider examples with these quantifiers.

Note on word count. Examples, definitions, tests, etc. do not count towards the word count. You should aim for 600-700 words of prose per puzzle.