

## Folge 029 – Grammatik

### 1. The pronoun "es" (review)

"es" is a pronoun that usually substitutes a neuter noun.

Example:

Ist **das** Bett zu hart? - Nein, **es** ist nicht zu hart. (**es** = it **das** Bett = the bed)

But:

**Es gibt** Pinguine.

The "es" in the above sentence has a different function. It isn't the replacement for a particular noun; instead it serves as the subject of the sentence without really meaning anything. This construction is frequently used in impersonal turns of phrase in which there is no other subject. It is comparable to "there is" or "there are".

Idiomatic expressions	<i>Es gibt ... Es geht mir gut. Es tut mir leid.</i>
Time expressions	<i>Wie spät ist es?</i>
Weather	<i>Es regnet. Es ist heiß.</i>