



we cannot contract there are

FULL FORM

SHORT FORM

there is

there's



we use there is (there's)

for singular nouns

There is a worm on the leaf.



for non-count items

e.g.

There is some soup in the bowl.



FULL FORM

SHORT FORM

there are

we cannot contract there are



we use there are

for plural nouns

e.g.

There are worms on the leaves.

