

**GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the conversation with a form of *there + be*.

**▶3.71** Listen and check.

- A Hello, I'm calling about the advert in the newspaper, for offices.  
 B Ah, yes, you'd like to rent one of our offices?  
 A Yes, probably. How many (0) *...are there...* for rent?  
 B (1) *.....* two offices free at the moment. They're both the same size.  
 A Oh, good. (2) *.....* a kitchen in the building?  
 B Yes, (3) *.....* a kitchen on the ground floor.  
 A OK. (4) *.....* a photocopier and a fax machine?  
 B Well, (5) *.....* three photocopiers, one on each floor, but no fax machine, I'm afraid.  
 A Mmm. What about transport? (6) *.....* a station somewhere near the offices?  
 B No, (7) *.....* But there's a bus stop outside, and the bus goes to the town centre.  
 A OK, so (8) *.....* a car park?  
 B No, not at the moment, but (9) *.....* one soon – we're building one this year.  
 A Has there been a lot of interest in your advert?  
 B Yes, (10) *.....* over twenty calls.  
 A OK. Thank you. I'll think about it.

## Future Shock

Some people still say that our weather isn't changing, or that the problem isn't very serious, but there (0) *have* been a lot of signs of change in the last few years. It seems that every month there (1) *is* / *are* another terrible storm somewhere in the world. In fact, in the last twenty-five years, (2) *it has* / *there have been* twice as many storms as in the twenty-five years before that. (3) *Are* / *There are* also other problems which should worry us, for example, (4) *there were* / *it was* terrible floods in the United Kingdom in the summer of 2007, which is very unusual. In some places, (5) *it* / *there* isn't enough rain, for example, Australia is usually extremely dry. If we allow these weather changes to continue, (6) *there will be* / *will be* more and more problems of this kind in the future.

Find five more mistakes in the sentences and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

0 <sup>There is</sup> Is a really nice beach in the north of the island.

1 Are there lots of books for this course?

2 Weren't any new students in my class yesterday.

3 There are a bank, a post office and a supermarket here.

4 There will be a lot of building work in the town next year.

5 Are going to be a lot of people at the party?

6 Won't be any rice left for tomorrow if we eat it all now.

7 There was a Toyota and a Honda in the garage.

8 A really bad storm was last year.