

Practice

1 Rewrite the sentences, using *it* or *there*. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

0 I think I'm probably going to get a promotion.

It looks as if I'm going to get a promotion.

1 People are bound to react badly to the news.

2 Getting a visa won't be difficult.

3 A massive sell-off of high-tech shares is likely in the next few days.

4 Carol leaving her job is not surprising.

5 In this bad weather a poor turnout for the election is certain.

6 Brian's dislike of his mother-in-law isn't a secret.

7 They didn't have any reason to question her motives.

8 I've got the impression we've got a lot in common.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose words from the box to complete the conversation. There are three extra words/phrases. 3.31 Listen and check.

bound denying it looks as though no good no longer no need
no point in no surprise seems as if supposed to be sure to be there

PURSER Welcome on board the *Golden Seas*. You must be Sarah and Danny Frobisher. I'm your purser. Is everything OK with your cabin?

DANNY It's fine. But (1) was (2) a safe in the cabin ...

PURSER Oh, it's inside the wardrobe.

SARAH And my mobile phone isn't working. It (3) there's no signal.

PURSER You're right. There's no signal out at sea, so there's (4) trying to use your phone until we get closer to the shore.

SARAH I see. Er, the sea's very calm, are we expecting good weather? I hate rough seas!

PURSER Yes. It (5) it's going to be fine for the next five days. So there's (6) to worry about bad weather. Is there anything else?

DANNY Yes. Can you reserve seats for the evening show for us?

PURSER I'm afraid not. It's (7) possible to reserve seats in advance.

SARAH Perhaps we should get there early.

PURSER No, it's (8) doing that, they won't let you in. But don't worry, there are (9) plenty of spare seats.

SARAH Good. Will there be some nice places to buy souvenirs when we arrive at Aruba?

PURSER Oh yes. There are (10) to be plenty of good shops there.