

Verbs of belief

Replace the underlined words with the correct form of the word or phrase from the box that means the same thing.

1. be positive doubt suppose



The archaeologist dug up pieces of pottery in the castle ruins. After studying the pottery markings, he was sure that it was from the 16th century. was positive

2. assume be certain have a hunch



Based on clues at the crime scene, the detective suspected that the husband must have known something about his wife's disappearance. _____

3. guess know for a fact suppose



The accountant carefully reviewed his client's records and was certain that all of his earnings and expenses were reported correctly. _____

4. be sure doubt suspect



After examining the brushstrokes of the painting, the art expert figured that it must be a forgery. _____

5. be certain have a hunch suppose



The lab technician studied the tooth under a microscope. She was sure it belonged to a humpback whale. _____

6. be positive doubt guess



When the reporter investigated the story, he had a hunch that the politician was lying about the bank loan. _____