

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. _____