

Can you remember...? 1

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

- a Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use the word in brackets. Contractions are one word.



- 1 My husband and I both love animals. (so)
I love animals and so does my husband.
- 2 I'm sure I sent you a message last night. (did)
I did send you a message last night.
- 3 Whose is this phone? (belong)
Who belongs to this phone?
- 4 What was wrong with the hotel you stayed in? (like)
Why did I like the hotel you stayed in?
- 5 Where did you get that book from? (gave)
Who gave me that book?
- 6 How much is petrol in your country? (costs)
Do you know how much petrol costs in your country?
- 7 Do you have any vacancies at the moment? (whether)
Can you tell me whether you have any vacancies at the moment?
- 8 I'm just checking you'll pick me up from work tonight. (you)
You will pick me up from work tonight, will you?
- 9 My friends and I can't afford to go on holiday this year. (neither)
I can't afford to go on holiday this year and neither can my friends.
- 10 I'm sure Tom knows about the meeting – he mentioned it yesterday. (does)
Tom must know about the meeting – he mentioned it yesterday.

- b Read the text. Circle a, b, or c.



The Bermuda Triangle

During the 1960s and 70s, many stories were told of ships and aircraft disappearing mysteriously in a region of the Atlantic Ocean known as the Bermuda Triangle. People asked, '1 ____ is causing these boats and planes to disappear?', and several 2 ____ reasons were given to explain the mystery. Some writers wondered 3 ____ aliens had established an underwater base and were hijacking aircraft to study their crew. Others said that enormous waves might be hitting vessels, causing them to sink without a 4 _____. However, nobody asked the question of whether there really 5 ____ any mystery to explain.

Journalist Larry Kusche was the first person to do this. He asked questions about the mysterious disappearances which previous writers 6 _____. These writers had simply collected stories that had already been written and repeated them in their own way. Kusche found many mistakes in their stories: in some cases, there was no record of the ships and planes that were said to have been lost, and in others, they had disappeared during 7 ____ bad storms. Kusche pointed out that it was logical that more accidents would occur in the busy Bermuda Triangle than in more 8 ____ areas such as the South Pacific because the more ships there are in an area, the 9 ____ it is for one of them to sink.

In the end, Kusche concluded that the explanation for the Bermuda Triangle 10 ____ was neither aliens nor massive waves, but the lack of research done by writers in search of a sensational story.

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| 1 a How | b What | c Which |
| 2 a foreign | b extraordinary | c absent-minded |
| 3 a how | b whether | c where |
| 4 a mark | b sign | c trace |
| 5 a is | b has | c was |
| 6 a didn't | b hadn't | c weren't |
| 7 a rather | b quite | c extremely |
| 8 a congested | b far | c remote |
| 9 a likely | b more likely | c most likely |
| 10 a puzzle | b quiz | c story |