The reading passage believes that humpback whales may navigate by the stars, much earlier than sailors did. On the contrary, the professor argues that the evidence supporting the theory that humpback whales use the stars to navigate the open seas is not very convincing.

In the first place, the passage maintains that humpback whales are

intelligent enough to navigate with stars. However, according to the professor’s view, humpback whales’ behavior of navigating by stars is an instinct, and even ducks, the normal intelligent birds, could use the stars to navigate. Therefore, there is no certain connection between intelligence of humpback whales and their behavior of navigating with stars.

In addition, there may be a different explanation for the humpback whale's ability to navigate in straight lines, at least not the dependence on stars to navigate. As a matter of fact, humpback whale is very sensitive and using its own substance to sense external force rather than using the star to navigate.

Finally, it is proposed in the reading material that: humpback whales’ heading above the water as though looking upward, which is known as spy-hopping, is explained that the whales are looking at the stars, which are providing them the information to navigate. However, the professor refutes this viewpoint and maintains that spy-hopping probably has nothing to do with looking at stars, which other animals like sharks do it too. But sharks don't migrate or look at stars. So, the professor believes that the unusual behavior of humpback whale known as spy-hopping is not looking at the stars.

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个人观点：

单复数的问题，我在原文直接修改了，还有动词ING的问题。比较明显的是第三段反驳里，听力的部分如果能复述出来更细的话就更好了，不过你已经很强了，再接再厉。