The reading passage believes that humpback whales may be navigating by the stars, much as early human 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 too intelligent to navigate with stars. However, according to the professor’s view, humpbacks' intelligence is the instinct that is born with, and some birds like ducks even with normal intelligence could use the stars to navigate. Therefore, there is no certain connection between intelligence of humpback and its navigation with stars.

In addition, there may be a different explanation for the humpback whale's ability to navigate in straight lines rather than the dependence on stars to navigate. As a matter of fact, humpback is very sensitive and uses 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 with information to navigate by. However, the profession refutes this viewpoint and maintains that spy-hopping probably has nothing to do with looking at stars, which other animals, like some sharks, do it, for example. But sharks don't migrate or look at stars. So, the profession believes that its unusual behavior of humpback known as spy-hopping is not that the whales are looking at the stars.

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