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## Colloquial English Getting a job

### 1 LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

Complete the sentences with the right form of **make** or **do**.

- Remember to make eye contact when you meet your new manager.
- Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a Google search on each of the top five candidates who applied for the job.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a huge mistake on my résumé when I included every job I've had in the past ten years.
- Did you \_\_\_\_\_ sure your cell phone was turned off during your job interview?
- Most employers don't care about what you \_\_\_\_\_ 20 or 30 years ago.
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a three-column table in the document so the information is easy to read.

### 2 VOCABULARY FROM THE INTERVIEW

Match the **bold** word or phrase with the correct definition.

- ...as an employer, I'm thinking this has no **relevancy** to me  
 a agreements  
 b connection
- Dress **appropriately** for an interview.  
 a in a suitable way  
 b in a stylish, formal suit
- You can often **stake out** the front door, ...  
 a watch secretly  
 b watch illegally
- You don't want to have any **interruptions**.  
 a times when an activity is stopped  
 b times when an activity begins
- I can deliver enough **value** for this position...  
 a how expensive something is  
 b how much something is worth compared with its price

### 3 THE CONVERSATION

Complete the sentences with one word, using repetition or an adverb to add emphasis.



- It's a terrible, terrible idea to go to an interview when you're feeling hungry.
- I've \_\_\_\_\_ told you this before more than once.
- I felt really, \_\_\_\_\_ silly when I realized I'd locked my keys in the house.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ told me you would be here by 11:00.
- Can you make me a cup of tea? I've had a \_\_\_\_\_ bad day.
- It's a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ movie. You really should go and see it.

### 4 VOCABULARY FROM THE CONVERSATION

Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

caught potentially slightly white willing

- I sometimes slightly exaggerate when I talk about my experience.
- You might find yourself in a \_\_\_\_\_ difficult situation.
- Nobody will worry if you tell a couple of \_\_\_\_\_ lies.
- You could get \_\_\_\_\_ out if they ask you questions about something on your résumé.
- You need to show that you are \_\_\_\_\_ to learn.

# 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 parentheses. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to?
- 4 What was wrong with the hotel you stayed in? (like)  
Why \_\_\_\_\_ the  
hotel you stayed in?
- 5 Where did you get that book from? (gave)  
\_\_\_\_\_ that book?
- 6 How much is gas in your country? (costs)  
Do you know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in your country?
- 7 Do you have any vacancies right now? (whether)  
Can you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ any vacancies right now?
- 8 I'm just checking that you'll pick me up from work tonight. (you)  
You will pick me up from work tonight, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 9 My friends and I can't afford to go on vacation this year. (neither)  
I can't afford to go on vacation this year and  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 I'm sure Tom knows about the meeting – he mentioned it yesterday. (does)  
Tom \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ – 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 that 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 absentminded |
| 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 pretty        | c extremely    |
| 8 a crowded | b far           | c remote       |
| 9 a likely  | b more likely   | c most likely  |
| 10 a puzzle | b quiz          | c story        |