

Focus Modifiers on Wh-Phrases: Quick Judgment Survey

Instructions: For each sentence, indicate whether it sounds like normal English to you.

- **Yes** = Sounds fine
- **Marginal** = Sounds a bit off
- **No** = Sounds bad

If you answer **Marginal** or **No**, please briefly note: Is it bad because it's **hard to parse**, **not something people would say**, or **ungrammatical**?

Time: ~10 minutes

#	Sentence	Yes	Marginal	No	If not Yes, why?
1	The person who called left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
2	I know exactly who called.	[]	[]	[]	
3	What collapsed was exactly what she built.	[]	[]	[]	
4	The person who called left exactly a message.	[]	[]	[]	
5	I know exactly which student complained.	[]	[]	[]	
6	The person exactly who called left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
7	I know exactly what she said.	[]	[]	[]	
8	The person who exactly called left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
9	The person who called left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
10	I repeated exactly what she said.	[]	[]	[]	
11	I know who exactly called.	[]	[]	[]	
12	What she built collapsed.	[]	[]	[]	

#	Sentence	Yes	Marginal	No	If not Yes, why?
13	I know exactly who called exactly.	[]	[]	[]	
14	The student who complained about exactly which policy is unclear.	[]	[]	[]	
15	Exactly who called is still unclear.	[]	[]	[]	
16	I questioned exactly what she said.	[]	[]	[]	
17	The person, exactly who called, left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
18	I know who called the office.	[]	[]	[]	
19	The person who exactly called left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
20	What she built is exactly what collapsed.	[]	[]	[]	
21	I know which person exactly called.	[]	[]	[]	
22	I know exactly what she built.	[]	[]	[]	
23	The person—exactly who called—left a message.	[]	[]	[]	
24	Exactly three people called.	[]	[]	[]	
25	Who exactly called is still unclear.	[]	[]	[]	
26	The student who knows exactly which policy to cite got a refund.	[]	[]	[]	

#	Sentence	Yes	Marginal	No	If not Yes, why?
27	The person—who called yesterday, by the way—left a message.	[]	[]	[]	

Thank you!

Any additional comments:
