

# Cleft Sentences

## 1. Rewrite the following sentences to emphasize the underlined word/phrase using It + BE.

1. *She* completed the project on time.
2. The accident happened **on the main road**.
3. We saw **Tom** at the party.
4. The presentation was delayed **because of technical issues**.
5. **John** won the best actor award.
6. She spoke to me **last week**.
7. They were discussing the issue **in the conference room**.
8. I found the book **under the table**.
9. **Emma** baked the cake for the celebration.
10. They moved to Paris **in 2022**.

## 2. Rewrite the following sentences to start with **What...** for emphasis.

1. She needs **a vacation**.
2. They enjoyed **the peaceful environment**.
3. He regrets **not taking the opportunity**.
4. We love **spending weekends at the beach**.
5. She didn't like **the movie**.
6. They prioritized **improving customer service**.
7. He misses **his childhood home**.
8. We must address **the main issue**.
9. They remember **their first teacher the most**.
10. I enjoyed **the dinner party**.

## 3. Rewrite the following sentences using **The person/thing/moment/reason that...** for emphasis.

1. **Lisa** helped me with my homework.
2. **The new policy** changed the company structure.
3. **This moment** will stay with me forever.

4. ***The reason*** I left early was the weather.
5. ***The dress*** she wore caught everyone's attention.
6. ***The house*** we visited last week is on sale.
7. ***The teacher*** who guided us was incredibly patient.
8. ***The gift*** I received made my day special.
9. ***The day*** we spent together was unforgettable.
10. ***The song*** he played reminded me of my childhood.

**4. For each sentence, rewrite it to emphasize the subject, object, adverbial, or prepositional phrase as needed.**

1. *He* fixed the broken clock **yesterday**.
2. The children played **in the garden** all day.
3. *Sarah* gave him a gift **on his birthday**.
4. We traveled to Italy **last summer**.
5. She was reading **a book** when I arrived.
6. They invited us **to the event**.
7. **Mark** taught me how to drive.
8. The conference took place **in New York**.
9. She chose the dress **from the boutique**.
10. *The scientist* discovered a new species **in the Amazon rainforest**.

**5. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the words given in bold. Use cleft sentences in your answers.**

1. John fixed the car yesterday. (**It was**)
2. Sarah met her best friend in Paris. (**All**)
3. They built the bridge in 2010. (**That's**)
4. She enjoys painting the most. (**What**)
5. The teacher gave the students homework. (**The only thing**)
6. Mike called me last night. (**It wasn't**)
7. They held the event in the city center. (**It was**)
8. The cake that Emma baked was delicious. (**The thing**)
9. The accident happened because of the storm. (**That's**)

10. I bought this laptop last year. (**All**)

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11. Mary broke the vase. (**It was**)

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12. The children played in the garden. (**The only place**)

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13. The reason for his success is his dedication. (**The reason**)

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14. She found the keys under the couch. (**That's**)

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15. The film made me cry. (**What**)

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16. Tom impressed the manager with his presentation. (**It wasn't**)

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17. We met at the library on Monday. (**It was**)

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18. The reason she left early was a headache. (**The reason**)

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19. The concert was fantastic because of the lighting effects. (**All**)

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20. The scientist discovered the vaccine in 2021. (**That's**)

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21. ~~Δ~~Ann called the strike. (**person**)

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22. ~~Δ~~The kids just broke the vase, not a big deal. (**did**)

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23. ~~Δ~~Before she left, she switched off the stove. (**last**)

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24. ~~Δ~~The school has imposed a ban on mobile phones. (**done**)

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25. ~~Δ~~It was the substitution teacher who complained. (**one**)

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