

# Cleft Sentences

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

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

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

1. ***Lisa*** helped me with my homework.  
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2. ***The new policy*** changed the company structure.  
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3. ***This moment*** will stay with me forever.  
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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.  Ann called the strike. (**person**)
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22.  The kids just broke the vase, not a big deal. (**did**)
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23.  Before she left, she switched off the stove. (**last**)
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24.  The school has imposed a ban on mobile phones. (**done**)
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25.  It was the substitution teacher who complained. (**one**)
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