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CLEFT SENTENCES

* Examples:

1. *Freda phoned Jack last night.* (simple sentence, no emphasis)
 - It was *Freda* who phoned Jack last night. (emphasis on subject)
 - It was *Jack* who(m) *Freda* phoned last night. (emphasis on object)
 - It was *last night* that *Freda* phoned Jack. (emphasis on adverb)

2. *The boy hit the dog in the garden.*

- Emphasis on object:

It was *the dog* that *the boy* hit in the garden. (active)

It was *the dog* that was hit by *the boy* in the garden. (passive)

* Notes:

We can use ***It was*** or ***It is******that / who / whom*** to emphasize the words or phrases functioning as a subject , an object or an adverbial phrase.

* Exercise 1:

Rewrite the following sentences after a model, paying attention to the subject focus of the sentence:

Example: - *The man gave her the book.*

→ It was *the man* who gave her the book.

1. The neighbour told them about it.

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1. My friend came to see me late last night.

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2. That boy scored the goal for his team.

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3. The dog grabbed at the piece of meat and ran away.

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4. The strong wind blew the roof off.

→

* Exercise 2:

Rewrite the following sentences after a model, paying attention to the object focus of the sentence:

Example: - *The boy hit the dog in the garden.*

- It was *the dog* that *the boy hit in the garden*.
- It was *the dog* that *was hit by the boy in the garden*.

1. The woman answered the man rudely.
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→
2. The boy played ping pong the whole afternoon.
→
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3. The girl gave the boy a special gift on his birthday.
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→
4. The police arrested the man at the railway station.
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→
5. He borrowed the money from Linda.
→
→

*** Exercise 3:**

Rewrite the following sentences after a model, paying attention to the adverbial focus of the sentence:

Example: - *The boy hit the dog in the garden.*
→ It was *in the garden* that *the boy hit the dog*.

1. He bought the book from that corner shop.
→
→
2. He got married when he was 26.
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3. They were having a barbecue in the park.
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4. I met him on the way to school.
→
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5. They often had parties on weekends.
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