

CLEFT SENTENCES

- A cleft sentence is a complex sentence (one with a main clause and a dependent clause). We can usually express the meaning of a cleft sentence with a simple sentence. It is called 'cleft' sentence because there are two parts to the sentence.

- We use cleft sentences in order to emphasise certain pieces of information.
- We join the most important piece of information to a relative clause, often with **who**, **where** or **that**.
- We can start cleft sentences with the following phrases, among others:

The thing that.....

The person who

The time when

The place where

The way in which

What.....

It.....

- When we start a sentence with **What**, we structure it as follows:
I would like to go to London next year.

What I would like to do next year is go to London.

- When we begin a cleft sentence with **It**, the relative clause usually begins with **that**.

Huda won the prize for Art last year.

The person who won the prize for Art last year was Huda.

The prize that Huda won last year was for Art.

It was last year that Huda won the prize for Art.

The Olympic Games were held in London in 2012 CE.

It was in 2012 CE that the Olympic Games were held in London.

London was the place where the Olympic Games were held in 2012 CE.

The event that took place in London in 2012 CE was the Olympic Games.

SB-29-7: Write this sentence in three different ways, emphasising the parts underlined in each case.

Al-Jazari invented the mechanical clock in the twelfth century.

1.
2.
3.

1. The person who invented the mechanical clock in the twelfth century was Al-Jazari.
OR It was Al-Jazari who/that invented the mechanical clock in the twelfth century.
2. The thing that Al-Jazari invented in the twelfth century was the mechanical clock.
OR It was the mechanical clock that Al-Jazari invented in the twelfth century.
3. The period/time when Al-Jazari invented the mechanical clock was the twelfth century.
OR It was in the twelfth century that Al-Jazari invented the mechanical clock.

SB-29-8: Rewrite these sentences, emphasising the part in bold, and using the structure as shown.

1. **Al-Kindi** contributed to the invention of the oud.

The person who.....

2. Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory **in Iraq**.

The country where.....

3. **Ali ibn Nafi'** established the first music school in the world.

It was.....

4. **Jabir ibn Hayvan** also invented ink that can be read in the dark.

It was.....

5. Al-Kindi is especially famous for **his work in geometry**.

It is.....

- 1 The person who contributed to the invention of the oud was Al-Kindi.
- 2 The country where Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory was Iraq.
- 3 It was Ali ibn Nafi' who established the first music school in the world.
- 4 It was Jabir ibn Hayyan who/that also invented ink that can be read in the dark.
- 5 It is for his work in geometry that Al-Kindi is especially famous.

2016 شتوية

The first athletic event for disabled athletes took place in 1948 CE.

The year

2016 صيفية

Taha Hussein is especially famous for his work in literature.

It is

2017 شتوية

My neighbours' generosity impresses me more than anything else.

The thing that

2018 شتوية

The Second World War ended in 1945 in Europe.

The year

- When we start a sentence with What, we structure it as follows:

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القاعدة العامة

- The person who..... is/was <u>الشخص</u> . - الشخص is the person who - It is/was <u>الشخص</u> that	- The place where..... is/was <u>المكان</u> . - المكان is the place where - It is/was <u>المكان</u> that
- The time when..... is/was <u>الوقت</u> . - الزمن is the time when - It is/was <u>الوقت</u> that	- The thing which..... is/was <u>الشيء</u> . - الشيء is the thing which - It is/was <u>الشيء</u> that

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It was in 2012.....
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- London was the place where
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- Abd al-Rahman I was
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It was Ali.....
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It was Jabir.....
- 17- Al-Kindi is especially famous for his work in geometry.
It is Al-Kindi.....
- 18- Queen Rania opened the Children's Museum of Jordan in 2007 CE.
It was Queen Rania.....
- 19- Petra was made a World Heritage Site in 1985 CE.
The year

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It was at 11 p.m.

21- My father has influenced me most.

The person

22- I like Geography most of all.

The subject

23- The heat made the journey unpleasant.

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24- I would like to go to London next year.

What

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He has written many books, but it

26- The Egyptians built the pyramids. **المصريون بنو الأهرامات.**

It was the Egyptians.....

27- Your generosity impresses more than anything else.

The thing

28- The books are hidden under your table.

The place

29- The students visited all the historical places in the journey.

What

30- You should study the most difficult subjects.

What you

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