

## 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:

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

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

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- 1- **Huda** won the prize for Art last year.  
The person who .....
- 2- Huda won the **prize for Art** last year.  
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- 3- Huda won the prize for Art **last year**.  
It was last year.....
- 4- The Olympic Games were held in **London in 2012 CE**.  
It was in 2012.....
- 5- The Olympic Games were held in **London** in 2012 CE.  
- London was the place where .....
- 6- **The Olympic Games** were held in London in 2012 CE.  
The event that .....
- 7- The Great Mosque in Cordoba was built in 784 CE by **Abd al-Rahman I**.  
- Abd al-Rahman I was .....
- 8- **The Great Mosque in Cordoba** was built in 784 CE by Abd al-Rahman I.  
- The mosque that .....
- 9- The Great Mosque in Cordoba was built in **784 CE** by Abd al-Rahman I.  
- The year when .....
- 10- **Al-Jazari** invented the mechanical clock in the twelfth century.  
- The person .....
- It was Al-Jazari.....
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- The thing that .....
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- The period/time w.....
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- 15- **Ali ibn Nafi** ' established the first music school in the world.  
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 .....

20- I stopped working at 11 p.m.

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.

It was the heat.....

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

What .....

25- He has written many books, but his final book made him famous all over the world.

He has written many books, but it .....

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

It was the Egyptians.....

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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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