

# Cleft sentences

## 1 Rewrite the sentences with What.

- 1 I need a long vacation.  
What I need is a long vacation.
- 2 We want a bigger kitchen.  
What we want is a bigger kitchen.
- 3 She hated the noise.  
What she hated was the noise.
- 4 I didn't understand the ending.  
What I didn't understand was the ending.
- 5 He needs some sleep.  
What he needs is some sleep.
- 6 They forgot the tickets.  
What they forgot was the tickets.
- 7 I really like her honesty.  
What I really like about her is her honesty.
- 8 The traffic surprised me.  
What surprised me was the traffic.
- 9 I'm worried about the deadline.  
What I'm worried about is the deadline.
- 10 We called a plumber.  
What we did was call a plumber.

## 2 Rewrite the sentences with It is or It was.

- 1 Tom broke the printer.  
It was Tom who broke the printer.
- 2 My wife found the apartment.  
It was my wife who found the apartment.
- 3 The price worries me.  
It's the price that worries me.
- 4 We met in Chicago.  
It was in Chicago that we met.
- 5 I called you, not your brother.  
It was you who I called, not your brother.
- 6 Her smile made me fall for her.  
It was her smile that made me fall for her.
- 7 Your mom called, not your dad.  
It was your mom who called, not your dad.
- 8 The kids are making the noise.  
It's the kids who are making the noise.
- 9 I only noticed the problem on Monday.  
It wasn't until Monday that I noticed the problem.

## 3 Circle the correct word.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ I want is a quiet weekend at home.  
(All) / Everything / That
- 3 All you have to do \_\_\_\_\_ press this button.  
(is) / are / it is
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ I don't get is why he quit.  
That / (What) / Which
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ was the ending that I didn't like.  
(It) / What / This
- 9 What happened \_\_\_\_\_ that the flight was canceled. (was) / did / it was
- 2 The thing \_\_\_\_\_, I can't afford it right now.  
are / (is) / being
- 4 All you have to do is \_\_\_\_\_ this form.  
(fill out) / filling out / fills out
- 6 It was my sister \_\_\_\_\_ told me the news.  
what / (who) / which
- 8 The problem \_\_\_\_\_ that nobody reads the instructions. (is) / it is / are

## 4 Circle the correct word.

- 1 You think I hate it, but I \_\_\_\_\_ like your cooking. (do) / am / does
- 3 He \_\_\_\_\_ look tired today. Is he OK?  
do / (does) / is
- 5 I did \_\_\_\_\_ the door. I'm sure.  
locked / (lock) / locking
- 7 They \_\_\_\_\_ want to come last night, but they were sick. do / (did) / does
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ call you yesterday. Check your phone. do / (did) / does
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy the concert, even though it was loud. (did) / do / were
- 6 You \_\_\_\_\_ have a point there.  
(do) / does / are

## 5 Put the words in order.

- 1 is / a / sleep / need / night's / I / what / good / .  
*What I need is a good night's sleep.*
- 2 hotel / the / Anna / it / was / who / booked / .  
*It was Anna who booked the hotel.*
- 3 some / is / I / quiet / All / peace / want / and / .  
*All I want is some peace and quiet.*
- 4 I / do / really / job / like / my / .  
*I really do like my job.*

### 5 Put the words in order.

- 5 is / don't / I / angry / what / he's / understand / why / .

*What I don't understand is why he's angry.*

- 6 the / is / tired / problem / really / that / I'm / .

*The problem is that I'm really tired.*

- 7 yesterday / I / did / her / call / .

*I did call her yesterday.*

- 8 that / it / met / York / in / New / was / we / .

*It was in New York that we met.*

### 6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 What I need are a new laptop.

*What I need is a new laptop.*

- 2 It was Mark which fixed my car.

*It was Mark who fixed my car.*

- 3 All I want are a hot shower.

*All I want is a hot shower.*

- 4 I do likes your new apartment.

*I do like your new apartment.*

- 5 She did called me last night.

*She did call me last night.*

- 6 That I love about my job is the people.

*What I love about my job is the people.*

- 7 The thing are, I'm not ready yet.

*The thing is, I'm not ready yet.*

- 8 All you have to do is filling out this form.

*All you have to do is fill out this form.*

### 6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 9 What I did was called my lawyer.

*What I did was call my lawyer.*

### YOUR LIFE

### 7 Write about what matters to you right now.

WHAT I NEED IS...

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ALL I WANT IS...

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*Answers will vary.*