

Basics. Mastering It-Cleft Sentences: Agreement and Adverbials

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Clause

Complex sentence

Inversion

Modal verb

Negation

Past tense

Phrase

Preposition

Pronoun

Relative clause

Sentence

Subject

Verb

Perfect tense

Word order

1. Help the frustrated theater director explain the disastrous opening night to the press by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) It was because the lead actor forgot his lines that the audience started laughing.
- B) It was the collapsing scenery, rather than the bad acting, that ultimately ruined the show.
- C) It was because the lead actor forgot his lines why the audience started laughing.
- D) It was the collapsing scenery, rather than the bad acting, what ultimately ruined the show.

2. Complete the dramatic CEO's speech to the board of directors.

"Let us get one thing straight. _____ is I who _____ ultimately responsible for the company's success, and it is you who _____ repeatedly doubted my vision!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) There
- B) It
- C) This

Blank 2

- A) is
- B) am
- C) be

Blank 3

- A) have
- B) has
- C) are

3. Complete the dramatic office confession email by selecting ALL the grammatically correct options that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) It is I who am taking full responsibility for the incident.
- B) It was the marketing team that left the milk out overnight.
- C) It is I who is taking full responsibility for the incident.
- D) It was the marketing team whom left the milk out overnight.

4. Help the kingdom's chief gossipmonger set the record straight about the latest royal scandal.

The rumors claim the King gave the dragon to the Duke, but it was actually _____ he gifted the fire-breathing beast!

Select one.

- A) the Duchess who
- B) the Duchess whom
- C) to the Duchess that
- D) to the Duchess whom

5. Help Detective Barnes clarify the exact timeline in her incident report by selecting ALL the grammatically correct statements that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) It was not until midnight that the thief bypassed the security cameras.
- B) It was from the hidden safe that the diamond was actually stolen.
- C) It was not until midnight did the thief bypass the security cameras.
- D) It was from the hidden safe where the diamond was actually stolen.

6. Complete the dramatic chef's explanation of a culinary disaster by choosing the correct word for each blank.

"It _____ because the main oven suddenly malfunctioned _____ the delicate cheese soufflé collapsed. Furthermore, it was _____ my senior assistant that I had explicitly handed the timer, so he is entirely to blame!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) seems
- B) was
- C) had

Blank 2

- A) why
- B) that
- C) since

Blank 3

- A) for
- B) to
- C) by

7. Complete Dr. Aris's dramatic lab journal entry about his recent mishap.

It was not until the purple smoke filled the entire laboratory _____ realized I had mixed up the baking soda and the highly reactive unobtainium.

Select one.

- A) that I
- B) when I
- C) did I
- D) than I

8. Complete the wildlife rescuer's log entry about a mischievous raccoon.

The kitchen was a total disaster area this morning. It _____ through the open skylight _____ the raccoon entered the house, because all the doors were securely locked from the inside.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) must have been
- B) had to have
- C) ought to be

Blank 2

- A) where
- B) that
- C) through which

9. Help the theatrical ghost hunter complete her spooky field report by choosing the correct word for each blank.

"It _____ only after the candles mysteriously blew out _____ the phantom finally made its presence known. Furthermore, it was the skeptical cameraman, not the psychic, _____ fainted first!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) is
- B) was
- C) had

Blank 2

- A) when
- B) that
- C) which

Blank 3

- A) whom
- B) who
- C) whose

10. Complete the project manager's slightly accusatory email regarding the disastrous new company mascot.

Please stop blaming the marketing interns; it is I who _____ responsible for approving the giant neon platypus.

Select one.

- A) am
- B) is
- C) are
- D) be