

CLEFT SENTENCES

1 Rewrite the sentences to focus attention on the underlined information. Start with *it + be* and use an appropriate *wh-word* or *that*.

1 Mark's known for ages that his parents are coming to stay with us this weekend, but he only told me yesterday.

Mark's known for ages that his parents are coming to stay with us this weekend, but... it was only yesterday that/when he told me.

2 Caroline has been feeling a bit depressed for some time, so I booked a holiday in Amsterdam to cheer her up.

Caroline has been feeling a bit depressed for some time, so..._____

3 It's not that I don't want to have dinner with you tonight; I can't come because I've got so much work to do.

It's not that I don't want to have dinner with you tonight; ..._____

4 I had my wallet when I went into the sports hall, so I lost it somewhere in there.

I had my wallet when I went into the sports hall, so..._____

5 She doesn't find learning languages very easy, and she improved her Spanish only by studying very hard.

She doesn't find learning languages very easy, and..._____

6 I have had great help from my parents and two brothers in doing my research, and I dedicate this thesis to my family.

I have had great help from my parents and two brothers in doing my research, and..._____

2 Give responses beginning *No, what...*, correcting what was said in the question. Use the notes in brackets to help.

1 'Did you say that Bernard was going to live in Austria?' (*holiday/ Austria*)

No, what I said, was that he was going on holiday to Austria.

2 'Do you hope to sell your Picasso paintings?' (*be put into/ public art gallery*)

3 'Did it annoy you that Clare came so late?' (*not apologise*)

4 'Did you mean to give Erica your bike?' (*could borrow it/ until needed again*)

5 'This steak tastes delicious. Did you fry it?' (*put oil and soy sauce on/ grill*)

6 'Did you buy Sue the coat she wanted?' (*give/ money towards it*)

7 'Did you fly from Sydney to Brisbane?' (*hire a car/ drive all the way*)