

EMPHATIC STRUCTURES: CLEFT SENTENCES

EXERCISES

READ THE INFORMATION IN THE BOX THEN COMPLETE THE REPLIES. EACH REPLY MUST CONTAIN A CLEFT SENTENCE.

Nick turned up late for work on Monday because he got stuck in a traffic jam on the ring road. Luckily Nick has a mobile phone so he was able to phone his boss and warn her that he would be late. She was furious but managed to reschedule an important meeting for the afternoon.

1. Nick was late because he overslept, wasn't he?

No, it _____ that he was late.

2. How on earth did Nick let the boss know he'd be late?

Well, what _____ call her from his mobile phone.

3. Wasn't Nick late on Wednesday?

No, _____ that he was late.

4. Nick's boss had to start the meeting without him, didn't she?

No, what she _____ the afternoon.

5. Didn't Nick get stuck in a traffic jam in the town centre?

No, not in the town centre; it _____ got stuck.

6. I heard the boss was a little annoyed with Nick for being late.

No, she wasn't "a little annoyed". What _____!

FOR EACH OF THE SENTENCES BELOW, WRITE A NEW SENTENCE AS SIMILAR AS POSSIBLE IN MEANING TO THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE, BUT USING THE WORDS GIVEN IN BOLD.

1. We just need 5 minutes to fix it. **ALL**

2. I'm not questioning his dedication. **ISN'T**

3. These men are totally ruthless. **WHAT**

4. We inherited everything except the house. **ONLY THING**

5. You know the sales assistant told me exactly the same thing. **THAT'S**

6. We're taking the au-pair with us. **DOING**
