

GRAMMAR

cleft sentences and inversion for emphasis

1 Read the examples of cleft sentences and inversion for emphasis (A-C). Then decide if the sentences below (1-6) are true or false.

A What I enjoyed most was the music.
B Never have I seen so many people in one place!
C At no time did I feel bored.

In cleft sentences:

- 1 the sentence always begins with *What*.
- 2 the subject and main verb are inverted.
- 3 we add *is* or *was* after the subject and main verb.

In sentences with inversion for emphasis:

- 4 we can use a positive or negative adverbial phrase.
- 5 the main verb is always positive.
- 6 we always use an auxiliary verb, (e.g. *have*, *did*, *will*).

2 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 At no time he tell me anything was wrong.
- 2 I meant to do was book the tickets online.
- 3 I couldn't believe it. Never I seen anything like this before!
- 4 What she usually does text me when she's on the bus.
- 5 At no time yesterday Carrie at home.
- 6 In way were you responsible for this mistake.
- 7 What we watched a brilliant performance.
- 8 What I will do talk to her for you.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 Psychologists have discovered that our brains don't always interpret sensory information accurately.

What our brains don't always interpret sensory information accurately.

2 This is no more significant anywhere than in crime prevention.

Nowhere in crime prevention.

3 The police focus on collecting statements from witnesses.

What collecting statements from witnesses.

4 Most witnesses do not actively try to deceive the police in any way.

In actively try to deceive the police.

5 Many witnesses have only a vague memory of the events.

What only a vague memory of the events.

6 Their brains fill in the details in order to make sense of what they witnessed.

What fill in the details in order to make sense of what they witnessed.

4 Read the blog and complete the sentences below. Use cleft sentences or inversion for emphasis.

I went to my local supermarket yesterday, intending to buy just a few things, but I found as I walked around that I was beginning to feel hungry, so I headed over to the bakery counter, where I noticed some freshly-baked croissants. Perfect! I walked out, contented with my purchase. I didn't at any time feel that I'd been forced to buy a croissant, even though I hadn't planned to. There weren't signs anywhere encouraging me to buy them. It was only when I was reading an article online later in the day that the truth began to dawn on me. I'd been manipulated! Shops exploit our senses to sell us things. I hadn't been aware of the smell of freshly-baked bread in the store, but it was definitely there. Supermarkets do this to make people feel hungry. This is why I found myself at the bakery counter. I thought I had chosen my croissant freely, but I hadn't noticed the French music playing in the background. Apparently, this works by subconsciously suggesting ideas for products to us. I have never felt like such a fool! Why wasn't I more aware? I have vowed to be more on my guard next time!



- 1 that I was beginning to feel hungry.
- 2 that I'd been forced to buy a croissant.
- 3 encouraging me to buy them.
- 4 the smell of freshly-baked bread in the store.
- 5 the French music playing in the background.
- 6 such a fool!