

CLEFT SENTENCES

EXERCISES

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 *What / How* we did was offer the app as a free download.
- 2 *Where / The thing* you can save money is in your office expenses.
- 3 *What's / It's* the details you really need to pay attention to.
- 4 *Who's / The thing* to do is hire the best designer you can find.
- 5 *The reason / place* why it didn't work is that we didn't plan carefully.
- 6 *It's / The way* to learn a new job is to do it.

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 It's the regular planning meetings
- 2 The thing
- 3 What I like
- 4 What we need is
- 5 What they did was

- a more time for relaxed communication.
- b go out for a long lunch every Friday.
- c I benefit from is the on-site gym.
- d I like.
- e is the simplicity of having only one business partner.

4 Complete the short conversations using cleft sentences.

- 1 A: I need some help with my laptop. Is Rob around?
B: Not today. (The person / need to talk to / Ella)

- 2 A: I'm not familiar with the London Underground. I'm worried about getting lost.
B: Don't worry. (One good thing about the Underground / the maps and signs / easy to follow)

- 3 A: My printer's not working. I need the instruction manual.
B: Joe just tried to fix it. (It / new printer / need / not the instruction manual)

- 4 A: Were they late for their flight?
B: No, they weren't. (What happened / flight cancelled)

- 5 A: Should I pay for the course now?
B: No, that's not necessary. (What / do / pay online)

- 6 A: I hear you missed the last bus last night. Did you have to get a taxi?
B: No. (What / did / stay at my friend's house.)

5 Complete the cleft sentences.

- 1 I want more information.
What _____.
- 2 Write your name on this list.
What you need _____.
- 3 I really like the view from the office window.
The thing _____.
- 4 I'm emailing you because I don't have your phone number.
The reason _____.
- 5 I like the variety of salads they have in that restaurant.
The thing _____.
- 6 My uncle introduced me to running.
The person _____.