

Focus Control

Move emphasis without changing the claim

Focus only

Prerequisite: it = It was...who/that; what object = What...was + nominal;
action = What X did was + verb, optional to; all = only. Keep scope; did
not = auxiliary.

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Person: It was Lee who revised it. Object: What Lee revised was the roster. Did-cleft: What Lee did was check it.

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A Person focus

Keep the event; move the person.

Event: Mina confirmed schedule; Paulo forwarded it. Contrast: Mina, not Paulo.
Draft names Paulo. Repair the cleft; control who.

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Context: the team did not question the result; it questioned the method.

Requested focus: the result. Write a what-cleft; keep agent and negation.

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B Time and action

Use that for non-person focus.

Fact: budget approved Monday, not Tuesday. Write a time-focus cleft; keep approval fact and that.

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B Time and action

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Draft: what the board did was approved the plan. Focus: approve. Repair after was; control infinitive.

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C Contrast scope

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Meaning: only request is a later slot; no other wish. Draft: all what I want. Write the faithful version; explain all versus what.

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C Contrast scope

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Correction: invoice, not quote, was wrong. Requested focus: invoice. Draft names quote. Rewrite; explain the scope change.

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