

Use of English B2.2: destacar sem alterar o facto

Ficha 3 de 4 · Preserving meaning

A REGRA

Uma cleft destaca sem alterar o facto. It + is/was + foco + who/that destaca pessoa, coisa, data ou lugar: It was the guide who arrived. What + sujeito + verbo + is/was + foco deixa o dado novo para o fim: What we wanted was a map. Para uma ação usa What she did was + verbo base. It wasn't until + data + that indica demora. Confirma agente, objeto, tempo e contraste.

Atenção! — o erro mais comum. Não mude o facto nem acrescentes it após uma oração com What.

1 Completa o foco com uma palavra.

It was at noon the alarm stopped.

2 Completa o foco com uma palavra.

What they did was the labels before sending the boxes.

3 Completa o foco com uma palavra.

It wasn't Monday that the revised map arrived.

4 Liga cada facto à reformulação que destaca o contraste indicado.

It was in the kitchen that the team found the note. · It was on Friday that the room opened. · It was the manager who signed the form. · What Mina did was ring the bell. · What we need is a key.

The manager signed the form, not the assistant.	
The room opened on Friday, not Thursday.	
We need a key, not a new lock.	
Mina rang the bell; she did not knock.	
The team found the note in the kitchen, not the hall.	

5 Completa o foco com uma palavra.

All we is a second opinion.

6 Reescreve a frase inteira para corrigir o foco ou conservar o facto.

It was the mechanic which found the fault.

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7 Reescreve a frase inteira para corrigir o foco ou conservar o facto.

What I need it is a quieter room.

8 Reescreve a frase inteira para corrigir o foco ou conservar o facto.

It were the volunteers who cleared the entrance.

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- 3 It wasn't until Monday that the revised map arrived.
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- 5 All we want is a second opinion.
- 6 It was the mechanic which found the fault. → It was the mechanic who found the fault.
- 7 What I need it is a quieter room. → What I need is a quieter room.
- 8 It were the volunteers who cleared the entrance. → It was the volunteers who cleared the entrance.