

Advanced C1-C2

Fronting and Topicalization

Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Identify the fronted element (Q1–5)

Underline the fronted element and write its type: Object (O), Adverbial (A), or Complement (C).

1. *That film, I absolutely loved.* ____
2. *In the garden stood an old wooden bench.* ____
3. *Happy she certainly was not.* ____
4. *His generosity I will never forget.* ____
5. *On the table lay three unopened letters.* ____

Exercise B · Fronting and inversion (Q6–10)

Choose the correct option.

1. 'That book I have already read.' Does this sentence use inversion?
a) Yes b) No c) Only in speech d) Only in writing
2. 'In the corner ____ an old clock.' Fill in the gap.
a) sat b) was sitting c) it was d) there was
3. Which sentence correctly uses complement fronting?
a) Brilliant was she. b) Brilliant she certainly is. c) Is brilliant she. d) She certainly brilliant is.
4. 'As for the deadline — ____ we can discuss later.' Fill in the gap.
a) this or that b) they c) those d) which
5. What is the main purpose of fronting?
a) To shorten sentences b) To create emphasis or contrast c) To avoid passive voice d) To add adjectives

Fronting and Topicalization — Side B

Exercise C · Correct the fronted sentence (Q11–14)

Each sentence has a structural error. Write the corrected sentence.

1. *That film I loved it very much.*

2. *In the garden a fox was sitting.*

3. *Brilliant is she certainly.*

4. *His work I never will forget.*

Exercise D · Rewrite using fronting (Q15–17)

Rewrite each sentence using the type of fronting shown in brackets.

1. *I will never forget his kindness. [object fronting]*

2. *A small photograph lay on the desk. [adverbial fronting]*

3. *I was not happy with the result. [complement fronting]*

Exercise E · Fronting for contrast (Q18–20)

Complete the fronted contrast structure.

1. *Delays ___ accept, but poor quality we cannot. (we can)*

2. *The cost ___ manageable, but the timeline was not. (was)*

3. *As for the budget — ___ we can discuss at the next meeting. (that)*

Answer Sheet

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Exercise A — Fronted element and type

1. That film — O
2. In the garden — A
3. Happy — C
4. His generosity — O
5. On the table — A

Exercise B — Fronting and inversion

6. No
7. sat
8. Brilliant she certainly is.
9. this or that
10. To create emphasis or contrast

Exercise C — Correct the fronted sentence

11. That film I absolutely loved. (remove 'it')
12. In the garden sat a fox.
13. Brilliant she certainly is.
14. His work I will never forget.

Exercise D — Rewrite using fronting

15. His kindness I will never forget.
16. On the desk lay a small photograph.
17. Happy with the result I was not.

Exercise E — Fronting for contrast

18. we can
19. was
20. that