

Book: Passages 2

Level: 11th

Unit: 2

Objective: Using cleft sentences with *what*.

Cleft Sentences with WHAT

When you want to emphasize the action, not the noun, you can use a **cleft sentence** consisting of:

What	+	I	+	(adverb)	+	verb	+	is	+	rest
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		I		always		notice		is		a person's smile.
I always notice a person's smile.										
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		I		really		dislike		is		hypocrisy.
I really dislike hypocrisy.										
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		I				pay attention to		is		a person's eyes.
I pay attention to a person's eyes.										

What	+	is	+	adjective	+	to me	+	is	+	rest
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		is		interesting		to me		is		a well-read person.
A well-read person is interesting to me.										

What	+	verb+s	+	me	+	(first / most)	+	is	+	rest
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		strikes		me		most		is		the way people dress.
The way people dress strikes me most.										
↓		↓		↓		↓		↓		↓
What		impresses		me				is		a person's intelligence.
A person's intelligence impresses me.										

The verbs used express feelings, attitudes, etc. → like, enjoy, love, dislike, strike, etc.

