



Max's Teacher

“Cleft” means divided. **Cleft sentences** can be used to emphasize a particular part of a sentence. In a cleft sentence, one element of the sentence is shifted from its normal place in the sentence into a separate clause. The emphasis in the sentence changes in a cleft sentence, depending on what is shifted.

Max asked the teacher a silly question after school.

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| You can emphasize the subject: | It was Max who asked a silly question about math after school. |
| You can emphasize the object: | It was a silly question that Max asked about math after school. |
| You can emphasize the adverbial: | It was about math that Max asked a silly question after school. |
| You can emphasize the prepositional phrase: | It was after school that Max asked a silly question about math. |

DIRECTIONS: Now you fill in the chart for the sentence below.

Phoebe drew a picture of a superhero in art class.

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| Emphasize the subject: | |
| Emphasize the object: | |
| Emphasize the adjectival or adverbial phrase: | |
| Emphasize the prepositional phrase: | |