

## Emphasis – cleft sentences and inversion

### 1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ was the Northern Lights that they saw on their holiday in Iceland.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ they found strange there was the landscape.
- 3 What they mean \_\_\_\_\_ that there were hardly any trees there.
- 4 But they were amazed by the view of the stars – never had \_\_\_\_\_ seen stars so clearly!
- 5 During their stay in Iceland, \_\_\_\_\_ only was it light when they went to bed, but it was also light when they got up.
- 6 What happens there is \_\_\_\_\_ it only gets dark for a short time.
- 7 The woman didn't like it there. Under \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances would she return to Iceland.
- 8 Iceland's too cold for me. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm saying is I prefer warmer weather.

### 2 Complete the sentences using structures for emphasis.

- 1 We want to visit a hot spring.  
It's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I've never seen such clear water!  
Never \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I ate the best pizzas in Italy.  
It was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I would never stay in that hotel again.  
Under \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 We saw tropical islands and snow-covered mountains in Australia.  
Not only \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 When you fly, your ears pop.  
What happens \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 The way they were driving was terrifying!  
What was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 I couldn't stand the crowds at the Louvre Museum.  
It was \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Write a short paragraph about a place you have visited. Use some structures for emphasis. Talk about the following:

- the sights
- the food
- the weather

# Answer key

**1**

- 1** It
- 2** What
- 3** is
- 4** they
- 5** not
- 6** that
- 7** no
- 8** What/All

**2**

- 1** a hot spring (that) we want to visit
- 2** (before) have I seen such clear water
- 3** in Italy (that) I ate the best pizzas
- 4** no circumstances would I (ever) stay in that hotel again
- 5** did we see tropical islands, but we also saw snow-covered mountains in Australia
- 6** when you fly is that your ears pop
- 7** terrifying was the way they were driving
- 8** the crowds that I couldn't stand at the Louvre Museum/ the crowds at the Louvre Museum that I couldn't stand

**3**

*Model answer*

I visited Italy two years ago. What I love about Italy is that it's full of history. Never have I seen so many important places, like the Colosseum and the Circus Maximus in Rome. What's incredible about Italy is that the buildings and the countryside are really beautiful. Not only did we visit amazing sights, but we also tried some delicious food. What happened, though, was that we ate too much! Another thing I loved about Italy was the weather. What I liked about it is that it was warm and sunny all the time, but not too hot. I'd love to go back one day.