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WAYS OF EXPRESSING EMPHASIS IN ENGLISH: EXERCISES

- I. Rewrite the following sentences so as to place emphasis on the underlined words. Use subordinate clauses and make any necessary changes in the form of the new sentences. Look at the examples.

Example: Mary wants to marry a millionaire man.

Who wants to marry a millionaire man is Mary. OR
Mary is the woman **who** wants to marry a millionaire man.

Some students want to pass without studying. I hate that.

What I hate is **the way** some students want to pass.

Dancing makes me happy.

Dancing is **what** makes me happy.

My friends always remember my birthday. I appreciate that.

What I appreciate is **the fact that** my friends always remember my birthday.

His bragging annoys me.

It is his bragging **that** annoys me.

1. Venezuela's economy depends mostly on its oil revenues.

2. Venezuela's economy depends mostly on its oil revenues.

3. John lives in a poor house.

4. John lives in a poor house.

5. The third midterm exam will be on Wednesday.

6. Paul's mannerisms draw everybody's attention.

7. Paul's mannerisms draw everybody's attention.

8. My students are hardworking. I love that.

9. The teacher explains the lesson patiently. We appreciate that.

II. Rewrite the following sentences putting the underlined word(s) as the first elements of the new sentences. Please make any necessary changes. Examples:

Examples: I had never eaten such a huge meal.
Never had I eaten such a huge meal.

We knew little about his evil plans.
Little did we know about his evil plans.

If I had seen John, I would have invited him to the party.
Had I seen John, I would have invited him to the party.

1. Mary hardly ever goes to the cinema.

2. The teacher will not rest until his students understand the lessons.

3. If you should have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

4. The teacher had no sooner left than the students began to make noise.

5. The children were rescued only after the firemen arrived.

6. The doctors left the patient's room at no time.

7. The strikers went home only when their demands were satisfied.

8. If Paul were more intelligent, he'd buy a house rather than a car.

9. The students didn't come to class, and they didn't apologize either.

10. You'll find better prices nowhere.

11. My wife and I scarcely ever eat pork.

12. Milk is not only scarce, but its price has soared.
