

Cleft Sentences

A man and a woman talk about a contract.

Advanced English - Sound Grammar

C1 Lesson 22 Conversation 4



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a	They won it.	a	Price	a	Make a counteroffer
b	They lost it.	b	Strict timeframe	b	Negotiate
c	They withdrew it.	c	Unclear terms	c	Accept it

Part 2: Complete the blanks with the missing word. Use the first as a clue.

Man: I _____ we lost the contract. Did we overbid?	1	hear / hears
Woman: No, it wasn't the price _____ they disliked.	2	what / that
Man: Really, what _____ it then?	3	was / were
Woman: It was the strict time-frame they disapproved _____.	4	off / of
Man: Well, _____ we can counteroffer.	5	may / maybe
Woman: I doubt it. I think that ship has _____.	6	sail / sailed

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Answer Key

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Man: I hear we lost the contract . Did we overbid? Woman: No, it wasn't the price that they disliked. Man: Really, what was it then? Woman: It was the strict time-frame they disapproved of. Man: Well, maybe we can counteroffer . Woman: I doubt it. I think that ship has sailed .	1 hear / hears 2 what / that 3 was / were 4 off / of 5 may / maybe 6 sail / sailed
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