



INVERSION IN THE FIRST PART OF THE SENTENCE

| NEGATIVE ADVERBIAL | INVERSION | | PAST PERFECT (past participle) | ADJUNCT | Adverb or conjunction | Example sentences |
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| | PAST PERFECT (simple past) | SUBJECT | | | | |
| HARDLY / SCARCELY/ BARELY | HAD | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Example: ARRIVED | Ex: HOME | WHEN | Hardly/Scarcely/Barely <u>had</u> I got into bed when the telephone rang. |
| NO SOONER | HAD | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Example: DONE | Ex: HOME | THAN | No sooner <u>had</u> they started their walk than it started to rain. |
| NEGATIVE ADVERBIAL | AUX /MODAL/ VERB BE | SUBJECT | VERB | EXAMPLE SENTENCES | | |
| NOT ONLY NOT OFTEN NOT ALWAYS NOT ONCE | DO, DOES, DID, WILL, SHOULD, MUST, MAY, ARE, WAS, WERE, ETC | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Examples: WANT, ARRIVE, SAY, TRY TO, NEED TO, ETC | Not only <u>is</u> the car economical, I but it also feels good to drive. Not often <u>does</u> Jack attend parties. Not always <u>did</u> we know who was "right". Not once <u>did</u> I say he didn't deserve to win. | | |
| NEGATIVE ADVERBIAL | AUX.VERB/MODAL VERB OR VERB BE | SUBJECT | VERB (Inf/ P.Participle) | EXAMPLE SENTENCES | | |
| NEVER (BEFORE) | HAVE , HAD, HAS, DID | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: SEEN/DONE/ UNDERSTAND | Never <u>had</u> she seen such a beautiful sight before. Never (before) <u>have</u> I met such an interesting person. | | |
| RARELY, SELDOM, HARDLY EVER, | DO,AM, DOES, DID, WILL, ARE, WAS, WERE, ETC | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: WANT, NEED TO, ARRIVE, SAY, TRY TO, ETC | Rarely <u>will</u> you hear such beautiful music. Rarely <u>do</u> we get to see the people who control the news. Seldom <u>do</u> we see such an amazing display of dance. Hardly ever <u>did</u> she go on holiday. | | |
| ON NO ACCOUNT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, ON NO CONDITION, AT NO TIME | SHOULD, CAN, ARE, MUST | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: ARRIVE, DO, STAY, TAKE, ETC | On no account <u>should</u> you do anything without asking me first. Under no circumstances <u>can</u> this door be kept open. Under no circumstances <u>are</u> you to go out. On no condition <u>should</u> untrained personnel use this device. At no time <u>should</u> you endanger yourself or others. | | |
| LITTLE | DID, DO, DOES | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: KNOW, REALISE, SUSPECT,etc | Little <u>did</u> John realize how good that painting was. Little <u>did</u> I know how enjoyable this training would be. Little <u>does</u> he know that he's heading into a trap. | | |
| ONLY THEN ONLY NOW ONLY LATER ONLY ONCE | AM, DID, DO, DOES, HAS, HAVE | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: KNOW, UNDERSTAND, REALISE | Only then <u>did</u> I understand what she meant Only now <u>am</u> I able to understand what happened. Only later <u>did</u> she really think about the situation. Only once <u>did</u> I go to the opera when I was in Italy. | | |
| IN NO WAY | CAN, COULD , DID, DO, DOES, HAS, HAVE, WERE, WILL | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: WANT, UNDERSTAND, REALISE, HELP | In no way <u>do</u> I agree with what you're saying. In no way <u>will</u> I agree to sharing an office with Ben. In no way <u>did</u> the report blame her for the accident. In no way <u>did</u> he imply she was lazy. | | |
| NOWHERE NOTHING | CAN, COULD , DID, DO, DOES, HAS, HAVE, WERE, WILL | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex: WANT, UNDERSTAND, REALISE, HELP | Nowhere <u>have</u> I ever had such bad service. Nowhere <u>will</u> you find a better place to relax. Nothing <u>have</u> I seen that could rival the pyramids. | | |

INVERSION IN THE SECOND PART OF THE SENTENCE

| | CLAUSE OR PHRASE | INVERSION | | EXAMPLE SENTENCES |
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| | | VERB | SUBJECT | |
| ONLY AFTER ONLY BY ONLY IF ONLY IN ONLY ONCE ONLY WHEN | | AUXILIARY VERB/MODAL VERB OR VERB BE | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Only after I'd seen her <u>did</u> I understand her problem. Only by working extremely hard <u>could</u> we afford to eat. Only if you study hard <u>can</u> you be successful. Only in the USA <u>have</u> I seen such high buildings. Only once I had talked to him <u>did</u> all <u>make</u> sense. Only when we'd all arrived home <u>did</u> I feel calm. |
| NOT BEFORE NOT UNTIL NOT SINCE | | | | Not before looking at it closely <u>did</u> I know what it was Not until I saw John <u>did</u> I really believe he was safe. Not since I was child <u>have</u> I <u>had</u> such a great time. |

INVERSION IN CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

| INVERSION | | VERB (bare infinitive) | EXAMPLE SENTENCE | |
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| AUXILIARY VERB | SUBJECT | | NORMAL | INVERTED |
| SHOULD - 1 st CONDITIONAL No contraction: X shouldn't you ✓ should you not | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex:HAVE, NEED, GO,FIND, ETC. | If you need more information... | <u>Should</u> you need more information... |
| AUXILIARY VERB | SUBJECT | VERB (to infinitive) | EXAMPLE SENTENCE | |
| WERE - 2 nd CONDITIONAL No contraction: X weren't I to ✓ were I not to Past Subjunctive : If I were you | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex:TO DO , TO FIND OUT, TO SEE, ETC. | If I were you, I would ... If he were to find out that they ... | <u>Were</u> I you, I would ... <u>Were</u> he to find out that they... |
| AUXILIARY VERB | SUBJECT | VERB (P PARTICIPLE) | EXAMPLE SENTENCE | |
| HAD - 3 rd CONDITIONAL No contraction: X hadn't you / ✓ had you not | NOUN OR PRONOUN | Ex:KNOWN, SEEN, HELPED,ETC. | If I had known that sooner , I would ... If you had not been late, you... | <u>Had</u> I known that sooner, I would ... <u>Had</u> you not been late, you ... |