“not only … but also” is used to connect and emphasize 2 words or 2 phrases at the same position.

**Example:**

- **Adj:** She is not only beautiful but also intelligent.
- **Adv:** She speaks English not only fluently but also naturally.
- **N:** I like not only apple but also banana.
- **V:** I not only sing well but also dance perfectly.

**INVERSION**

To add emphasis, we can use not only at the beginning of a clause. When we do this, we invert the subject and the verb.

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**NOUN:** Not only does he speak English but (he) also (speaks) Spanish.

**NOUN PHRASE:** Not only was it raining all day at the wedding but also the band was late.

Not only will they paint the outside of the house but also the inside.

Not only is he handsome but (he is) also intelligent.

**When there is no auxiliary verb or main verb be, we use do, does, did:**

Not only did she forget my birthday, but she also didn’t even apologise for forgetting it.

**NOTE:** A double negative is considered an error – a negative form after not only sound very unnatural.

Not only did she not have any experience but she also did not have relevant education

It’s better to rephrase: Not only was she lacking in experience but also in relevant education.
Join the pairs of sentences below using the structure “Not only...but also...”.

Example: He has to pass a theory test. He has to pass a practice test.
Answer: He not only has to pass a theory test but also a practice test.

1. She wants to run a marathon. She wants to write a book.

2. He hits very hard. He moves very fast.

3. They are strong. They have stamina.

4. He likes to train hard at the gym. He follows a healthy diet.

5. He writes articles for some newspapers. He does painting and decorating.

6. He wants to buy a car for his son. He wants to buy a motorbike for himself.

7. The book I read yesterday was educational. The book I read yesterday was interesting.

8. The restaurant was too noisy. The food was quite bland.