

# INVERSION

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## LITTLE DID + SUBJECT + VERB

(know / think / realize / imagine, etc.)

Used in negative inversion to emphasize that someone was completely unaware of a situation, future event, or truth. It often introduces an unexpected result or discovery.

- **Little did I know** that a single conversation would change my career.
- **Little did she realize** how important that decision would become.
- **Little did we think** that the project would be such a success.
- **Little did they imagine** that their invention would be used around the world.

## NOT ONLY + AUXILIARY + SUBJECT + VERB ..., BUT ALSO / AS WELL / TOO

Used to emphasize that, in addition to one thing, another thing is also true.

When *not only* begins a clause, inversion is required (auxiliary verb before the subject).

- **Not only was** the hotel comfortable, but it was **also** surprisingly affordable.
- **Not only can** she play the piano, but she can compose music **as well**.
- **Not only will** the company expand its offices, but it will hire new employees **too**.
- **Not only have** they completed the work ahead of schedule, but they have **also** reduced costs.

**Note:** If there is no auxiliary verb or verb be, use **do / does / did**.

- **Not only did** he miss the meeting, but he **also** failed to inform anyone.
- **Not only do** students need good grades, but they need strong communication skills **as well**.

## NEITHER / NOR AFTER A NEGATIVE CLAUSE

**Pattern:** Negative clause + **neither/nor** + auxiliary verb + subject + verb.

After a negative statement, neither and nor can introduce a second negative idea.

In these structures, the auxiliary verb comes before the subject (inversion).

- She hadn't read the report, **neither had** she attended the presentation.
- We didn't visit the art gallery, **nor did** we explore the historic district.
- I don't enjoy horror movies, **nor do** I watch them very often.
- Mark didn't respond to my message, and **neither did** he answer my call.