INTERMEDIATE 2

Grammar Progress Check (6)

Inversions with negative adverbial words and phrases

Complete the sentences using inversion.

1. I had only just put the phone down when the boss rang back.

   Hardly ..... the boss rang back.

2. You should not send money to us by post under any circumstances.

   Under no circumstance ..... to us by post.

3. It wasn't clear to us at the time how serious the problem was.

   Little ..... at the time how serious the problem was.

4. I only recognized him when he came into the light.

   Not until ..... him.

5. They had seldom participated in such a fascinating ceremony.

   Seldom ..... in such a fascinating ceremony.

6. Immediately after his appointment to the post the new editor fell ill.

   No sooner ..... the new editor fell ill.

7. The result of the match was never in doubt.

   At no time ..... in doubt.

8. We couldn't relax until all the guests had gone home.

   Only after .....

9. Tony was not only late, but he had left all his books behind.

   Not only ..... all his books behind.

10. The Prime Minister has hardly ever made a speech as inept as this.

    Rarely ..... so inept a speech.

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