

C1 – INVERSION

THEORY

<h3>INVERSION RIGHT AFTER ADVERB OF FREQUENCY (NEGATIVE MEANING)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seldom • Rarely • Little • Barely / Scarcely / Hardly (ever) ... when • Nowhere (else) • Never (before) • Not (even) once • On no account ; In/under no circumstances • No sooner ... than • Not only ... but (also) • In no way • Only in this way 	<h3>INVERSION IN THE SECOND PART OF THE SENTENCE (NEGATIVE TIME ADVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not since • Not until • Only after • Only when • Only by • Only if
<p>E.G.: <i>Seldom do we play football on Mondays; Not only will you get a good result, but you will also be the best.</i></p>	<p>E.G.: <i>Not until I saw them, did I believe they had come; Only if you have a nourishing diet will you have a healthy life; Only after trying the recipe several times was she able to get the whipped cream.</i></p>
<h3>INVERSION WITH SO & SUCH</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So + adjective + that + consequence <p>So cold was the water that we couldn't go swimming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Such + inverted verb phrase + that + consequence <p>Such was the wind that we couldn't open the window. (The wind was such that we couldn't open the window.)</p>	<h3>INVERSION AFTER VERBS OF MOVEMENT / ADVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Outside the house was a big pine tree. ▶ On the chair lay a cat ▶ Here comes the bus ▶ There she goes (not "There goes she" because she is a pronoun not a noun.)

PRACTICE

1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (drag & drop).

1. _____ that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.

2. In no way _____ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.

3. Hardly we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.

4. At no time before I accepted the job _____ that I would have to do so much travelling around the country.

5. Not since the 1960s _____ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.

- a) so many people have
- b) have so many people
- c) did so many people have
- d) had so many people had

2. COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX (drag & drop)

at no point ↔ in no way ↔ little ↔ never ↔ not ↔ not only ↔ no sooner ↔ only after ↔ scarcely
↔ on no account/under no circumstances ↔ rarely ↔ on no account/under no circumstances

1. _____ were the security guards to blame for what happened.
2. _____ once did the old woman thank me for helping her.
3. _____ seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to leave hospital.
4. _____ will passengers be allowed to carry more than 2 pieces of hand luggage.
5. _____ were they late to work, but they also forgot to bring the reports.
6. _____ during the party did anyone mention that Peter and Julie were getting married.
7. _____ had Alan arrived in Mexico when he was arrested.
8. _____ did the passengers know that the driver was really an undercover police officer.
9. _____ do you meet anyone as charming as Mr Peterson.
10. _____ should unaccompanied children be allowed to enter the pub.
11. _____ before has the company found itself facing such stiff competition.
12. _____ had the alarm gone off than the police cars arrived.