

## 2D

### Grammar

## Inversion of subject and verb

*I can use adverbials at the start of the sentence.*

#### 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 No longer / Not since the summer after leaving school had we all met.
- 2 Only if / So you train really hard will you be ready for the competition.
- 3 Such / So surprised were we to meet by chance after all these years that we couldn't quite believe it.
- 4 Never / No longer were they married, but they remained good friends.
- 5 Had / Would I known you were in town last week, I would have invited you to dinner.
- 6 There / Had we sat on the summit of the mountain, tired but happy.

#### 2 Complete the sentences. Use the cues below.

crash / go hardly / the prime minister / arrive  
in no way / should / you little / we / know  
never / I / witness seldom / he / state his opinion up / go

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ such a terrible sight as those poor, hungry people.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ feel responsible – it wasn't your fault.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ when reporters wanted to speak to him.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ how meeting Jess would change our lives on the day when she appeared at our door.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the red flag, and we were given a penalty.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ but this time he told us exactly what he felt.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ the vase as it hit the floor and broke.

#### 3 Correct the sentences.

- 1 Nowhere we could see Kelly.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 No sooner we saw Jake's face than we realised that something was wrong.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Not until I knew I was safe I stopped running.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Under no circumstances you should touch that cable.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Not for one second we didn't believe Sue was guilty.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Not only he was rude when we arrived after our journey, but he didn't offer us anything to eat.  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 USE OF ENGLISH Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1 There are some DVDs in the cupboard if you get bored. (should)  
\_\_\_\_\_, there are some DVDs in the cupboard.
- 2 I sat down, and the phone rang. (hardly)  
\_\_\_\_\_ when the phone rang.
- 3 It's forbidden for you to enter the building. (circumstances)  
Under \_\_\_\_\_ enter the building.
- 4 You aren't ready to take the exam. (way)  
In \_\_\_\_\_ ready for the exam.
- 5 We never believed Mike's story. (moment)  
Not \_\_\_\_\_ we believe Mike's story.
- 6 People didn't learn the truth for decades. (until)  
Not \_\_\_\_\_ people learn the truth.
- 7 We were late and our clothes were wet. (only)  
\_\_\_\_\_ late, but our clothes were wet.
- 8 It didn't often rain so hard. (seldom)  
\_\_\_\_\_ so hard.

#### 5 Complete the extract from a story using the correct form of the words in brackets. Add pronouns where necessary.



A man out walking his dog had heard a commotion and called us to the house. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (no sooner / arrive) than we noticed something was wrong. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not only / be) the patio doors open, but the glass was broken. A pair of curtains flapped in the wind. Although I was an experienced detective with the South African Police Service, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (seldom / feel) in much danger – but I did then.

Everywhere, there were the signs of a struggle – broken ornaments and furniture. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (at our feet / lie) the remains of a vase – <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (crunch / go) the pieces underfoot. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (no sooner / reach) the stairs than we heard strange sounds upstairs.

Two baboons came crashing out of a bedroom and down the stairs. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rarely / these apes / come) near the centre of town, but there they were – baring their fearsome teeth at us. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not for one moment / hesitate) – one glimpse of them was enough to make us turn and run!