

INVERSION

There are two ways to invert the subject and the verb.

be/have/modal/auxiliary verb + subject + main verb

After adverbs with 'restrictive' / negative meaning: Hardly (ever)... when Scarcely Rarely Barely Little Never (before) Seldom	<p>Little did we realise the true extent of his involvement.</p> <p>Never had they experienced such behaviour.</p> <p>Hardly had the guests arrived when the bell for supper was rung.</p>
Only + time expression or prepositional phrase	<p>Only later did Dickens produce full novels</p> <p>Only with a great deal of effort was he able to escape.</p>
Only + conjunction (<u>inversion in main clause!!!</u>) Only if, only after, only by, only when Not until/till	<p>Only if the weather improves <u>will the golf tournament take place.</u></p>
In no way At no time Under no circumstances On no account	<p>At no time during the operation did the patient regain consciousness.</p> <p>Under no circumstances can refunds be given.</p>
Not + only/time expression/ person or thing No sooner...than	<p>Not only is he late, but he hasn't (also) brought a present.</p> <p>Not since records began has youth unemployment been so high.</p> <p>Not a single stone was left unturned in the search.</p> <p>No sooner had we set out than the skies opened.</p>

So + adjective +that clause	So intense was the heat (that) the firefighters were unable to enter the building for two hours .
Such + to be	They led a life of poverty. Such is the fate of most orphans in this area

- With **so, neither, nor**, as to express agreement.
e.g. 'I like candies'. '**So** do I' (we use 'so' to agree with an affirmative statement)
'I don't like candies' '**Neither** do I' (we use 'neither/nor' to agree with a negative statement)
- With **should, were, had** when they come at the beginning of an if-clause instead of "if"
Type 1: **Should** Jane come, let me know
Type 2: **Were** I you, I wouldn't say anything
Type 3: **Had** they been told, I would have offered my help.

main verb + subject

- After verbs of movement or adverbial expressions of place when they come at the beginning of a sentence.

Outside the door was a dog.

On the sofa sat an old man.

Here comes the bride.

There goes the taxi.

- If the subject is a pronoun, there is no inversion.
Here she comes (NOT: Here comes she)

Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words in bold:

1.- The rain came **down**

Down came the rain

2.- The birds flew **away**

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3.- My house is **at the end of the road**

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4.- The actors came **onto the stage**

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5.- The airplane rose **up into the sky**

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6.- The Grand Hotel stands **at the foot of the mountains**

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7.- The policeman walked **down the street**

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8.- The window cleaner climbed **up the ladder**

Rewrite the sentences:

9.- I have seldom eaten at such an expensive restaurant.

Seldom have I eaten at such an expensive restaurant

10.- She had no sooner fallen asleep than the telephone rang.

No sooner.....

11.- We not only got lost, but our car broken down.

Not only.....

12.- I have never heard such a terrible story before.

Never

13.- We realized only then that the jewels had been stolen.

Only then.....

14.- Business has rarely been so good

Not once.....

15.- The boss has not once given him a bonus

Not once.....

16.- You should not enter this room under any circumstances

Under no circumstances.....

17.- I got to know Peter only after meeting him several times

Only after.....