

Inverted subject and verb

Rarely

Little

Nowhere + auxiliary + Subject

Never again

No longer

Not only

Only after

Not since

When

+ Sentence +

auxiliary +

Subject

A Use the prompts to complete the forum comments.



What are the worst office pranks you've had played on you?

The funniest thing that's happened to me was just last week. I arrived late for work one day and was trying to sneak into the office quietly. ¹[Little / I / know] _____, my colleagues had taped an air horn underneath my chair, the type they use at sports matches. As soon as I sat down, it let out this huge blast. Everyone turned around and burst out laughing. ²[Never / again / I / late] _____ for work! *Philippa Evans*



I'm an office manager, and ³[rarely / my staff / play] _____ pranks on me, but on my birthday this year, they all arrived early and filled my office with balloons. I mean they literally filled it with balloons. I could barely open the door! *Lesley Drake*



Last time I went on holiday I told my colleagues that when I got back, I wanted to get a plant for my desk. ⁴[Not since / my previous job / I / work] _____ in an office with no plants. Well, when I got back, somebody said to me 'I hope you like your plants' on my way in. I thought it was strange, but only when I got to my desk ⁵[I / understand] _____. They'd planted seeds inside my keyboard and there were all these little plants growing out between the keys! *Janice Dowley*



B Rewrite the sentences using emphatic inversion. Use the words in brackets.

1 I couldn't find my keyboard anywhere! (NOWHERE)

2 I only realised I had the wrong bag after I got home. (ONLY AFTER)

3 We hardly ever play April Fool's Day pranks in my country. (RARELY)

4 He didn't know that we'd switched his laptop for a pizza box! (LITTLE)

5 I hadn't felt so embarrassed since I'd been a teenager. (NOT SINCE)