

INVERSION – EXERCISES

A. Underline the correct words in bold in each sentence.

1. Jim promised that **he would never/ never would he** tell anyone else.
2. Not until it was too late **I remembered / did I remember** to call Susan.
3. Hardly had we settled down in our seats **than/when** the lights went out.
4. Only after checking three times **I was/was I** certain of the answer.
5. At no time **I was aware/was I aware** of anything out of usual.
6. Only Mary and Sally **passed/ did they pass** the final examination.
7. **So the waves were high/ So high were the waves** that swimming was dangerous.
8. Only when **Peter has arrived / has Peter arrived** can we begin the program.
9. No sooner had it stopped raining **than/when** the sun came out.
10. **If should you leave early/ Should you leave early** could you give me a lift?

B. Complete each sentence by using the phrases from the box.

Had we No sooner had On no account Should you
Not only did Under no circumstances will
Were you Hardly had Little did Rarely have

1. _____ we arrived at the hotel, when there was a power cut.
2. _____ should you tell him about the test results.
3. _____ she know what she was about to discover!
4. _____ to pay the full amount now, there would be a ten per cent discount.
5. _____ need any help, do not hesitate to contact me.
6. _____ the doctors seen a more difficult case.
7. _____ Jean win first prize, but she also offered a promotion.
8. _____ late arrivals be admitted to the theatre before the interval.
9. _____ one missing child been found, than another three disappeared.
10. _____ arrived earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane.

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. It was only when the office phoned me that I found out about the meeting.
find

Not until the office phoned me _____ about the meeting.

2. The facts were not all made public at the time.

later

Only _____ all made public.

3. If I had known about the event, I would have let you know.

known

Had _____ about the event, I would have let you know.

4. As soon as I got home, I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.

than

No sooner _____ I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.

5. If he saw you here, he would be surprised.

to

Were _____ here, he would be surprised.