
INVERSIONS WITH SO/NEITHER/NOR

AGREEMENT

This use of inversion is very common, useful and also emotional. So, when we use it, we tend to show a bit of our feelings and also our agreement with our interlocutor.

When somebody says:

- I'm happy today

We may answer: Yes, **so am I**

In this type of inversion, we use the same auxiliary verb as the one used by the other speaker, but switching places between subject and verb.

In the negative we will use **NEITHER** or **NOR**

- I **haven't** tried sushi yet

Neither/nor have I

This structure comes to replace the typical **Me too** or **Me neither** to make your speech sound more interesting.

PRACTISE

- a) We should memorise it word for word. (you)
- b) They won't let you go out. (he)
- c) I can't work out how much it will cost us. (I)
- d) You should slow down at weekends. (your partner)
- e) She refuses to talk to me. (her father)
- f) I didn't witness the accident. (my children)
- g) Edgar and Jane have missed their flight. (we)
- h) Her children mean the world to her. (her husband)
- i) He gave me all the information I needed. (his lawyer)
- j) My history teacher failed me without any concern. (my literature teacher)
- k) Her story made me cold with fear. (his)
- l) Her boy-friend sat next to me. (her sister)