INVERTED SUBJECTS AND VERBS WITH NEGATIVES					
no	*not*	*never*	*neither*	*nor*	
barely	*hardly*	*only*	*rarely*	*scarcely*	*seldom*

When a negative expression appears *in front of* a subject and verb (at the beginning of a sentence or in the middle of a sentence) the subject and verb *are* inverted.

(negative expression)	V	S
Rarely	***were they so happy.***	

EXERCISE 17: Each of the following sentences contains a negative or "almost negative" expression. Circle the negative expressions. Look at the clauses that follow and underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

I 1. (Never) the boy wrote to his sisters.

C 2. (On no occasion) did they say that to me.

___ 3. Steve did not win the prize, nor did he expect to do so.

___ 4. Only once in my life gone I have to New York City.

___ 5. Did he go out of the house at no time.

___ 6. Seldom their secretary has made such mistakes.

___ 7. No sooner had she hung up the phone than it rang again.

___ 8. Sheila did not arrive late for work, nor she left early.

___ 9. Barely had he finished the exam when the graduate assistant collected the papers.

___ 10. The police did not arrive in time to save the girl, and neither did the paramedics.

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