

Grammar Inversion



1 Choose the two options which can complete each sentence.

- 1 ____ has this industry experienced such outstanding results.
a Seldom b No sooner c Rarely
- 2 ____ did we realise there was a major error in the contract.
a Not until b Only later c Little
- 3 ____ did we give up hope that a solution could be found.
a At no time b Not once c Only when
- 4 Not only would this increase productivity, ____ improve staff motivation.
a but it could also b could it also c also it could
- 5 ____ would I agree to this relocation package for my team.
a Not only b On no account c Under no circumstances



2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

are did had have should will

- 1 The offer is not very good. Under no circumstances _____ you accept it.
- 2 The new interns are great. Rarely _____ we had such a talented group.
- 3 At no time in our last meeting _____ we promise you an increase in salary.
- 4 Not only _____ they late, but they also haven't phoned to warn us.
- 5 Only by taking this opportunity _____ you reach your career potential.
- 6 No sooner _____ they agreed to the relocation package than the offer was withdrawn.



3 Put the phrases in the correct order to make sentences using inversion.

- 1 did she believe / first place / not until she / received the letter / she had won

- 2 are given more / make a decision / information can we / only if we

- 3 about to fall / little did we know / prices were / that property

- 4 circumstances would we / under no / to be an acceptable offer / consider this

- 5 did they give / him any feedback / not once / on his performance

- 6 a compromise can / job security / only by finding / we guarantee

- 7 convincing presentation / seldom have / such a / we heard

- 8 but they also / he get an interview, / not only did / offered him the job
