

## 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6 No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ they agreed to the relocation package than the offer was withdrawn.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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