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Grammar

Inversion of subject and verb

I can use adverbials at the start of the sentence.

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 No longer / Not since the summer after leaving school had we all met.
- 2 Only if / So you train really hard will you be ready for the competition.
- 3 Such / So surprised were we to meet by chance after all these years that we couldn't quite believe it.
- 4 Never / No longer were they married, but they remained good friends.
- 5 Had / Would I known you were in town last week, I would have invited you to dinner.
- 6 There / Had we sat on the summit of the mountain, tired but happy.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the cues below.

crash / go hardly / the prime minister / arrive
in no way / should / you little / we / know
never / I / witness seldom / he / state his opinion up / go

- 1 _____ such a terrible sight as those poor, hungry people.
- 2 _____ feel responsible – it wasn't your fault.
- 3 _____ when reporters wanted to speak to him.
- 4 _____ how meeting Jess would change our lives on the day when she appeared at our door.
- 5 _____ the red flag, and we were given a penalty.
- 6 _____ but this time he told us exactly what he felt.
- 7 _____ the vase as it hit the floor and broke.

3 Correct the sentences.

- 1 Nowhere we could see Kelly.

- 2 No sooner we saw Jake's face than we realised that something was wrong.

- 3 Not until I knew I was safe I stopped running.

- 4 Under no circumstances you should touch that cable.

- 5 Not for one second we didn't believe Sue was guilty.

- 6 Not only he was rude when we arrived after our journey, but he didn't offer us anything to eat.

4 USE OF ENGLISH Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1 There are some DVDs in the cupboard if you get bored. (should)
_____, there are some DVDs in the cupboard.
- 2 I sat down, and the phone rang. (hardly)
_____ when the phone rang.
- 3 It's forbidden for you to enter the building. (circumstances)
Under _____ enter the building.
- 4 You aren't ready to take the exam. (way)
In _____ ready for the exam.
- 5 We never believed Mike's story. (moment)
Not _____ we believe Mike's story.
- 6 People didn't learn the truth for decades. (until)
Not _____ people learn the truth.
- 7 We were late and our clothes were wet. (only)
_____ late, but our clothes were wet.
- 8 It didn't often rain so hard. (seldom)
_____ so hard.

5 Complete the extract from a story using the correct form of the words in brackets. Add pronouns where necessary.



A man out walking his dog had heard a commotion and called us to the house. ¹ _____ (no sooner / arrive) than we noticed something was wrong. ² _____ (not only / be) the patio doors open, but the glass was broken. A pair of curtains flapped in the wind. Although I was an experienced detective with the South African Police Service, ³ _____ (seldom / feel) in much danger – but I did then.

Everywhere, there were the signs of a struggle – broken ornaments and furniture. ⁴ _____ (at our feet / lie) the remains of a vase – ⁵ _____ (crunch / go) the pieces underfoot. ⁶ _____ (no sooner / reach) the stairs than we heard strange sounds upstairs.

Two baboons came crashing out of a bedroom and down the stairs. ⁷ _____ (rarely / these apes / come) near the centre of town, but there they were – baring their fearsome teeth at us. ⁸ _____ (not for one moment / hesitate) – one glimpse of them was enough to make us turn and run!