

Negative structures

I can use negative structures.

1 Choose the correct answers (a–c) to complete the text.



We ¹ expect our family or friends to turn against us and there can ² be a worse betrayal than one committed by a best friend. ³ in literature has this been more powerfully expressed than by Shakespeare in his play *Julius Caesar*. ⁴ Caesar sees his best friend Brutus among his murderers does he realise the extent of the betrayal against him. ⁵ has Brutus stabbed him than Caesar falls to his death, speaking the famous line 'Et tu, Brute?', meaning 'And you, Brutus?' This is now a phrase often used to express sadness and surprise when you are let down by someone considered to be a trusted friend. Perhaps, like Caesar, it's ⁶ we are let down badly by a good friend that we appreciate how devastating a betrayal can be.

- 1 a nowhere b never c no sooner
 2 a hardly b not until c only if
 3 a Not only b In no way c Nowhere
 4 a At no time b Only when c Rarely
 5 a No sooner b Only once c Under no circumstances
 6 a not only b hardly c not until

2 Write the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 Rarely (so / she / felt / unhappy / had).
 2 Nowhere (find / will / you / a / friend / better).
 3 Only (argued / have / ever / once / we).
 4 In no (did / to / upset / I / anyone / way / mean!).
 5 At (should / lies / tell / time / no / you).
 6 Under (can / him / no / you / circumstances / trust).
 7 Not (we / will / get / results / Friday / until / our).

3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 She was sorry | a split up with Nick? |
| 2 Do you regret | b not to keep his promise. |
| 3 Wouldn't it be sensible | c to go to bed early? |
| 4 Hasn't she | d not to lose her friendship. |
| 5 Weren't you | e at the café yesterday? |
| 6 He is certain | f not inviting Jane? |
| 7 He'll be lucky | g not to see him at the club. |

4 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Use negative structures.

- Ada Hi, Jan! ¹ you go out with Sara last night?
 Jan Yes, we went out for a pizza.
 Ada I was really sorry ² to be able to join you. Did you have a good time?
 Jan Not really, no. No sooner ³ we arrived ⁴ we had a row!
 Ada Oh, that's not good.
 Jan I know. And not ⁵ that, but she isn't speaking to me now.
 Ada ⁶ it be a good idea to phone her and apologise?
 Jan Probably – I regret not ⁷ to her at the time, but I was too angry.
 Ada Well, under ⁸ circumstances should you forget to say sorry!

5 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Write up to five words in each sentence.

- 1 We mustn't under any circumstances lose this key.
 Under _____ lose this key.
 2 This band isn't at all special.
 In _____ at all special.
 3 I regretted going as soon as I got there.
 No sooner _____ I regretted going.
 4 My friends haven't judged me at any time.
 At no _____ judged me.
 5 Bill wished he'd kept his news a secret.
 Bill regretted _____ a secret.
 6 It was fortunate that we didn't get lost.
 We were lucky _____.
 7 I'm sure Jerry went into town last night.
 _____ town last night?
 8 I can't make a decision until I've spoken to Pat.
 Not _____ Pat can I make a decision.