

# Inversion



Choose the correct sentence.

- a) Never I have witnessed such a disturbing scene.
- b) Never have I witnessed such a disturbing scene.
- c) Seldom we see a celebrity in this town.
- d) Seldom do we see a celebrity in this town.
- e) No sooner had the plane landed that she unfastened her seat belt.
- f) No sooner had the plane landed than she unfastened her seat belt.
- g) Hardly had the spokesperson released the statement than all the journalists started asking questions.
- h) Hardly had the spokesperson released the statement when all the journalists started asking questions.

Rewrite the second sentence beginning as shown.

1. He had seldom left the house in such a hurry.  
Seldom ( )
2. He will not be allowed to smoke in the premises under any circumstances.  
Under no circumstances ( )
3. She had hardly left the shop when the police arrested her.  
Hardly ( )
4. My parents have rarely left the house in the past three months.  
Rarely ( )
5. You must on no account use the lift in case of fire.  
On no account ( )
6. You will get a discount as long as you pay cash.  
Only if ( )
7. She fell off the stage and broke her leg.  
Not only ( ) but she also broke her leg.
8. We got off the train and it began to rain.  
No sooner ( )
9. As soon as they arrived on the beach, they realised they didn't have any sunscreen.  
Hardly ( )
10. I was never taught how to deal with this situation.  
At no time ( )

Match

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| a) Scarcely had I turned on the lights...  | ... than my friends shouted "Surprise!"                |
| b) No sooner had I turned on the lights... | ... when my friends shouted "Surprise!"                |
| c) Never have I...                         | ... had the honour of working with him.                |
| d) Rarely do I...                          | ... have the honour of working with him.               |
| e) Not only Mary...                        | ... buy him a present but she also made him a card.    |
| f) Not only did Mary...                    | ... bought him a present; everybody got him something. |