

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

- 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.