

INVERSION: PRACTICE 2

EXERCISE 1

USING INVERSION, REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

❶ You come to realise the significance of the murder only in the last few pages of the book.

Only in the last _____

❷ The demands of her job are such that she is rarely able to take a holiday.

Such _____

❸ The matter could be explained in no other way.

In _____

❹ I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.

Seldom _____

❺ Peter didn't realize that he had lost his keys until he got home.

Not _____

❻ If Mr Chan had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.

❼ If an emergency should arise, dial 999.

❽ There are no circumstances where audience members may consume alcohol.

Under no circumstances _____

❾ They started to argue soon after they had got married.

No sooner _____

❿ You can't use my new car at any time.

At no time _____

EXERCISE 2

REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING INVERSION.

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance.

Little _____

2. We won't consider you for the basketball team until you grow up.

Not until _____

3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994.

Not since _____

4. You will not be allowed to enter the auditorium under any circumstances once the play has started.

Under no circumstances _____

5. He would never play in front of a live audience again.

Never _____

6. Amy had not enjoyed herself so much since she went to the circus as a child.
Not since _____

7. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before.
Never before _____

8. They only realized the painting had been hung upside down when someone complained at reception.
Only when _____

9. I had been in the room for a few minutes when I realized that everyone was staring at me.
Only after _____

10. He discovered that he had injured his knee when he tried to run.
Only when _____

11. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
Hardly _____

12. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read thoroughly under any circumstances.
Under no circumstances _____

EXERCISE 3

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

EXERCISE 4

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS WITH THE VERB IN THE CORRECT FORM.

1. Not until the area is made safe _____ (construction/can continue).
2. In no way _____ (the announcement/affect) how strongly we felt about the situation.
3. Seldom _____ (you/see) a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
4. Not only _____ (Jerry/forget) my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
5. At no time _____ (I/ask) my opinion on the subject.
6. Only when I checked the ticket again _____ (I/realise) that I had won first prize!
7. Only if the weather is clear _____ (the space shuttle/will allow) to launch.
8. Such _____ (the media interest/be) in the wedding that there were over a dozen photographers.

EXERCISE 5

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.

at no point ★ in no way ★ little ★ never ★ not ★ not only ★ no sooner
only after ★ scarcely ★ on no account ★ rarely ★ under no circumstances

1. _____ were the security guards to blame for what happened.
2. _____ once did the old woman thank me for helping her.
3. _____ seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to leave hospital.
4. _____ will passengers be allowed to carry more than 2 pieces of hand luggage.
5. _____ were they late to work, but they also forgot to bring the reports.
6. _____ during the party did anyone mention that Peter and Julie were getting married.
7. _____ had Alan arrived in Mexico when he was arrested.
8. _____ did the passengers know that the driver was really an undercover police officer.
9. _____ do you meet anyone as charming as Mr Peterson.
10. _____ should unaccompanied children be allowed to enter the pub.
11. _____ before has the company found itself facing such stiff competition.
12. _____ had the alarm gone off than the police cars arrived.