

UNIT 12 – INVERSIONS

① *Read the sentences, then put the words in order to rewrite them as inversions.*

1 I have seldom seen such beautiful work.

BEAUTIFUL – HAVE – I – SEEN – SELDOM – SUCH – WORK

2 She had never been to Europe.

BEEN – EUROPE – HAD – NEVER – SHE – TO

3 You will rarely hear such beautiful music.

BEAUTIFUL – HEAR – MUSIC – RARELY – SUCH – WILL – YOU

4 I understood why the tragedy had happened then.

DID – HAD – HAPPENED – I – ONLY – THE – THEN – TRAGEDY – UNDERSTAND – WHY

5 He loves chocolates and sweets, and he also smokes.

ALSO – AND – BUT – CHOCOLATES – DOES – HE – HE – LOVE – NOT – ONLY – SMOKES – SWEETS

6 We had just arrived home when the police rang the bell.

ARRIVED – BELL – HAD – HOME – NO – POLICE – RANG – SOONER – THAN – THE – THE – WE

7 She only thought about the situation later.

ABOUT – DID – LATER – ONLY – SHE – SITUATION – THE – THINK

8 He didn't know his car had been stolen.

BEEN – CAR – DID – HAD – HE – HIS – KNOW – LITTLE – STOLEN

② Find the mistakes and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 Never I have met such polite children.
- 2 No sooner had sat down my father when there was a knock on the door.
- 3 He did know little that his wife was cheating on him.
- 4 At no time I meant to hurt your feelings.
- 5 Not only he makes a great cheesecake, but he also bakes cookies.

③ Key word transformations. Rewrite the second sentences so that it has the same meaning as the original sentences. Use the word given and between 2 to 5 words.

- 1 Jane realised what she had forgotten to do as soon as she arrived. **SOONER**
No _____ she realised what she had forgotten to do.
- 2 The use of mobile phones is absolutely forbidden inside the laboratory. **MUST**
Under _____ be used inside the laboratory.
- 3 It is not often that you find someone with such a good memory. **COME**
Seldom _____ someone with such a good memory.
- 4 It was the first time that I had tried mental activities to help me concentrate. **BEFORE**
Never _____ mental activities to help me concentrate.
- 5 I had my wallet stolen and I have lost my keys as well. **HAVE**
Not only _____ but my wallet seems to have been stolen too.
- 6 We were told dictionaries were not allowed in the exam. **CIRCUMSTANCES**
Under _____ to use a dictionary in the exam.
- 7 The receptionist made it clear that we had to both pay up front and in cash. **SAY**
Not only _____ I had to pay pay up front and in cash.