

## INVERSION

There are two ways to invert the subject and the verb.

be/have/modal/auxiliary verb + subject + main verb

<p><b>After adverbs with 'restrictive' / negative meaning:</b>  <b>Hardly</b> (ever)...<b>when</b>  <b>Scarcely</b>  <b>Rarely</b>  <b>Barely</b>  <b>Little</b>  <b>Never</b> (before)  <b>Seldom</b></p>	<p><b>Little</b> did we realise the true extent of his involvement.</p> <p><b>Never</b> had they experienced such behaviour.</p> <p><b>Hardly</b> had the guests arrived <b>when</b> the bell for supper was rung.</p>
<p><b>Only</b> + time expression or prepositional phrase</p>	<p><b>Only later</b> did Dickens produce full novels  <b>Only with</b> a great deal of effort was he able to escape.</p>
<p><b>Only</b> + conjunction  (inversion in main clause!!!)  <b>Only if, only after, only by, only when</b>  <b>Not until/till</b></p>	<p><b>Only if</b> the weather improves <u>will the golf tournament take place.</u></p>
<p><b>In no way</b>  <b>At no time</b>  <b>Under no circumstances</b>  <b>On no account</b></p>	<p><b>At no time</b> during the operation did the patient regain consciousness.  <b>Under no circumstances</b> can refunds be given.</p>
<p><b>Not</b> + only/time expression/ person or thing</p> <p><b>No sooner...than</b></p>	<p><b>Not only</b> is he late, <b>but</b> he hasn't (also) brought a present.  <b>Not since</b> records began has youth unemployment been so high.  <b>Not</b> a single stone was left unturned in the search.  <b>No sooner</b> had we set out <b>than</b> the skies opened.</p>

<b>So + adjective +that</b> clause	<b>So</b> intense was the heat ( <b>that</b> ) the firefighters were unable to enter the building for two hours .
<b>Such + to be</b>	They led a life of poverty. <b>Such is</b> the fate of most orphans in this area

- With **so**, **neither**, **nor**, as to express agreement.  
e.g. 'I like candies'. '**So** do I' (we use 'so' to agree with an affirmative statement)  
'I don't like candies' '**Neither** do I' (we use 'neither/nor' to agree with a negative statement)
- With **should**, **were**, **had** when they come at the beginning of an if-clause instead of "if"  
Type 1: **Should** Jane come, let me know  
Type 2: **Were** I you, I wouldn't say anything  
Type 3: **Had** they been told, I would have offered my help.

### main verb + subject

- After verbs of movement or adverbial expressions of place when they come at the beginning of a sentence.

**Outside the door** was a dog.

**On the sofa** sat an old man.

**Here** comes the bride.

**There** goes the taxi.

- If the subject is a pronoun, there is no inversion.  
**Here** she comes (NOT: Here comes she)

**Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words in bold:**

1.- The rain came **down**

Down came the rain

2.- The birds flew **away**

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3.- My house is **at the end of the road**

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4.- The actors came **onto the stage**

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5.- The airplane rose **up into the sky**

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6.- The Grand Hotel stands **at the foot of the mountains**

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7.- The policeman walked **down the street**

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8.- The window cleaner climbed **up the ladder**

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**Rewrite the sentences:**

9.- I have seldom eaten at such an expensive restaurant.

Seldom have I eaten at such an expensive restaurant

10.- She had no sooner fallen asleep than the telephone rang.

No sooner.....

11.- We not only got lost, but our car broken down.

Not only.....

12.- I have never heard such a terrible story before.

Never .....

13.- We realized only then that the jewels had been stolen.

Only then.....

14.- Business has rarely been so good

Not once.....

15.- The boss has not once given him a bonus

Not once.....

16.- You should not enter this room under any circumstances

Under no circumstances.....

17.- I got to know Peter only after meeting him several times

Only after.....