INVERSION

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

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

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

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So + adjective +that clause	**So** intense was the heat (**that**) the firefighters were unable to enter the building for two hours .
Such + to be	They led a life of poverty. **Such is** 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)

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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……..

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