

Inversion with 'Not only but....also / either'

For emphasis when listing two examples in **formal writing**, we can start a sentence with

NOT ONLY + aux verb + S

The subject and verb are inverted. Use 'either' instead of 'also' if the sentence is negative.

It was boiling hot. There was no wind.

Not only **was it** boiling hot, but there was **no** wind **either**.

She has 3 dogs. She has 3 cats too.

Not only **does she have** 3 dogs, but she has 3 cats **also**.

She can play guitar. She can play piano.

Not only **can she** play guitar, but she can play piano **also**.

The flight has been cancelled. We can't get a refund.

Not only **has the flight** been cancelled, but we can't get a refund **either**.

Susan smoked and she drank.

Not only **did Susan smoke**, but she drank **also**.

Re-write the sentences using 'not only'.

1. The school closed. People had to stay indoors.

2. You need a science degree and you need experience in the field.

3. She can dance and she can sing.

4. They will go to Thailand and they will stay in luxury beach huts.

5. There are people complaining and there are people refusing to pay.

6. We need food and we need medicine.

7. The car is cheap to buy and it is economical to run.

8. You can't wear jeans and you can't wear trainers.

9. She has 2 exams this morning and 2 exams this afternoon.

10. We went to our local MP and then we went to Parliament.

Do these examples verbally.

1. I have to buy a new phone and I have to buy a new laptop.
2. We went to Tenerife and we went to Lanzarote.
3. We lost the tickets and we missed the flight.
4. I have bought a salmon and a trout also.
5. Jim is coming and his brother is also coming.
6. I have told him to take it back and to complain fiercely.
7. Jenny can't sing and neither can her sister.
8. I eat too much chocolate and I don't do enough exercise.
9. It is pouring with rain and there is a freezing wind.
10. It is a well organised course and you learnt a lot also.