

EXERCISE 1 - INVERSION - REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING BETWEEN 3-6 WORDS.

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance. **LITTLE**
_____ that the police had them under surveillance.
2. As soon as they got married they started to argue. **SOONER**
No _____ they started to argue.
3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994. **NOT**
_____ so many matches for his team.
4. You can't enter the auditorium once the play has started. **ALLOWED**
Under no circumstances _____ the auditorium once the play has started.
5. Amy hadn't had such a good time since she went to the circus as a child. **ENJOYED**
Not since she went to the circus as a child _____
6. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before. **NEVER**
_____ such a terrible performance of Hamlet.
7. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds. **HARDLY**
_____ when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
8. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read under any circumstances. **UNDER**
_____ a contract you haven't read.
9. She realised she'd lost her keys the moment she arrived home. **SOONER**
_____ she realised she'd lost her keys.
10. If you do not wish to receive further information, put a tick in the box. **SHOULD**
_____ receive further information, put a tick in the box.

EXERCISE 2 – INVERSION - COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.

at no point • in no way • little • never before • 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.

EXERCISE 3 – INVERSION - CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- _____ that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.
a) Little have I known
b) Little I knew
c) Little did I know
d) I knew little
- In no way _____ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.
a) did I ever
b) had I ever
c) I ever did
d) I had ever
- Hardly _____ we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.
a) we had finished breakfast that
b) had we finished breakfast when
c) had we finished breakfast that
d) we had finished breakfast when
- At no time before I accepted the job _____ that I'd have to do so much travelling around the country.
a) did they tell
b) I had been told
c) I was told
d) was I told
- Not since the 1960s _____ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.
a) so many people have
b) have so many people
c) did so many people have
d) had so many people had