

Inversion after negative adverbials

1. I had to clear the garage before I could start painting it.

cleared

Only when

start painting it.

2. The phone rang again as soon as I put it down.

had

Hardly

it rang again.

3. The Blacks moved to New York and very soon they decided to get married.

had

No sooner

they decided to get married.

4. I had no idea you wanted to organise a surprise party for us.

realise

Little

you wanted to organise a surprise party for us.

5. Buying a concert ticket at the last minute isn't often possible.

to

Rarely

a concert ticket at the last minute.

6. They didn't ask me anything about my plans for the future.

question

Not

about my plans for the future.

7. There is no situation in which we will allow our students to behave this way.

no

Under

our students to behave this way.

8. It was boiling hot and there was no wind.

but

Not only

no wind either.