

INVERSION EXERCISES

A-Fill the gaps. Complete the sentences below with the words in brackets in the correct tense and the right order.

1. Not until June 15 (we/can/accept) _____ applications for next year.
2. Never before that day (she/have/witnessed) _____ such violence.
3. Hardly (the match/have/start) _____ when the game was interrupted.
4. Not only (the girl/be/hungry) _____, she was also very tired.
5. Little (I/do/imagine) _____ that it was the last time I would see him.
6. Only later ((he/do/understand) _____ why his wife was so upset.
- 7.(He/have/know) _____ it would take so long he would not have started.
8. No sooner (her name/be/announce) _____ than the crowd started to cheer.
9. At no time (the salesman/do/say) _____ that the price would increase.
10. In no way (he/can/be/hold) _____ responsible for the damage.

B-Easy rephrasing.

1. I haven't ever felt so lonely. -
Never _____
2. I couldn't work because of the loud noise. -
So _____
3. She didn't play a lot of basketball. -
Little _____
4. Peter didn't understand the situation. If he had, he would have quit. -
Had _____
5. The story hasn't been told correctly. -
Rarely _____
6. She bought the car after he had explained its benefits. -
Only after _____
7. I don't eat pork very often. -
Seldom _____
8. I would have bought a new house if I had had enough money. -
Had _____
9. I will sign the check when you finish the work. -
Only then _____
10. It was a day that we will all remember forever. -
Such _____

C-More rephrasing.

- I had hardly begun to apologize when the door closed.
Hardly ...
- I have seldom heard such a talented singer.
Seldom ...
- If John had known that she liked curry, he would have brought her to an Indian restaurant.
Had...
- The artist rarely paid attention to his agent's advice.
Rarely ...
- He had never felt so depressed.
Never ...
- The shop can in no way be held responsible for customers' lost property.
In no way ...
- The couple had no sooner arrived than the priest started the ceremony.
No sooner ...
- Tom only realized the meaning of the comment when he saw his wife's face.
Only ...