# 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 ...