

C1 – INVERSION

THEORY

INVERSION RIGHT AFTER ADVERB OF FREQUENCY (NEGATIVE MEANING) • Seldom • Rarely • Little • Barely / Scarcely / Hardly (ever) ... when • Nowhere (else) • Never (before) • Not (even) once • On no account ; In/under no circumstances • No sooner ... than • Not only ... but (also) • In no way • Only in this way E.G.: <i>Seldom do we play football on Mondays; Not only will you get a good result, but you will also be the best.</i>	INVERSION IN THE SECOND PART OF THE SENTENCE (NEGATIVE TIME ADVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS) • Not since • Not until • Only after • Only when • Only by • Only if E.G.: <i>Not until I saw them, <u>did I believe they had come</u>; Only if you have a nourishing diet <u>will you have a healthy life</u>; Only after trying the recipe several times <u>was she able to get the whipped cream</u>.</i>
INVERSION WITH SO & SUCH • So + adjective + that + consequence <i>So cold <u>was the water</u> that we couldn't go swimming.</i> • Such + inverted verb phrase + that + consequence <i>Such was the wind that we couldn't open the window. (The wind was such that we couldn't open the window.)</i>	INVERSION AFTER VERBS OF MOVEMENT / ADVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS ▶ Outside the house was a big pine tree. ▶ On the chair lay a cat ▶ Here comes the bus ▶ There she goes (not "There goes she" because she is a pronoun not a noun.)

PRACTICE

1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (drag & drop).

1. _____ that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.

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| a) Little have I known | c) Little I knew |
| b) Little did I know | d) I knew little |

2. In no way _____ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.

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| a) did I ever | c) had I ever |
| b) I ever did | d) I had ever |

3. Hardly _____ we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.

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| a) we had finished breakfast that | c) had we finished breakfast when |
| b) had we finished breakfast that | d) we had finished breakfast when |

4. At no time before I accepted the job _____ that I would have to do so much travelling around the country.

a) did they told

c) I had been told

b) I was told

d) was I told

5. Not since the 1960s _____ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.

a) so many people have

d) had so many people had

b) have so many people

c) did so many people have

2. COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX (drag & drop)

at no point ↔ in no way ↔ little ↔ never ↔ not ↔ not only ↔ no sooner ↔ only after ↔ scarcely
↔ on no account/under no circumstances ↔ rarely ↔ on no account/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.