

Negative structures

I can use negative structures.

1 Choose the correct answers (a–c) to complete the text.



We ¹ expect our family or friends to turn against us and there can ² be a worse betrayal than one committed by a best friend. ³ in literature has this been more powerfully expressed than by Shakespeare in his play *Julius Caesar*. ⁴ Caesar sees his best friend Brutus among his murderers does he realise the extent of the betrayal against him. ⁵ has Brutus stabbed him than Caesar falls to his death, speaking the famous line 'Et tu, Brute?', meaning 'And you, Brutus?' This is now a phrase often used to express sadness and surprise when you are let down by someone considered to be a trusted friend. Perhaps, like Caesar, it's ⁶ we are let down badly by a good friend that we appreciate how devastating a betrayal can be.

- 1 a nowhere b never c no sooner
2 a hardly b not until c only if
3 a Not only b In no way c Nowhere
4 a At no time b Only when c Rarely
5 a No sooner b Only once c Under no circumstances
6 a not only b hardly c not until

2 Write the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 Rarely (so / she / felt / unhappy / had).
2 Nowhere (find / will / you / a / friend / better).
3 Only (argued / have / ever / once / we).
4 In no (did / to / upset / I / anyone / way / mean!).
5 At (should / lies / tell / time / no / you).
6 Under (can / him / no / you / circumstances / trust).
7 Not (we / will / get / results / Friday / until / our).

3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 She was sorry | a split up with Nick? |
| 2 Do you regret | b not to keep his promise. |
| 3 Wouldn't it be sensible | c to go to bed early? |
| 4 Hasn't she | d not to lose her friendship. |
| 5 Weren't you | e at the café yesterday? |
| 6 He is certain | f not inviting Jane? |
| 7 He'll be lucky | g not to see him at the club. |

4 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Use negative structures.

- Ada Hi, Jan! ¹ you go out with Sara last night?
Jan Yes, we went out for a pizza.
Ada I was really sorry ² to be able to join you. Did you have a good time?
Jan Not really, no. No sooner ³ we arrived ⁴ we had a row!
Ada Oh, that's not good.
Jan I know. And not ⁵ that, but she isn't speaking to me now.
Ada ⁶ it be a good idea to phone her and apologise?
Jan Probably – I regret not ⁷ to her at the time, but I was too angry.
Ada Well, under ⁸ circumstances should you forget to say sorry!

5 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Write up to five words in each sentence.

- 1 We mustn't under any circumstances lose this key.
Under _____ lose this key.
2 This band isn't at all special.
In _____ at all special.
3 I regretted going as soon as I got there.
No sooner _____ I regretted going.
4 My friends haven't judged me at any time.
At no _____ judged me.
5 Bill wished he'd kept his news a secret.
Bill regretted _____ a secret.
6 It was fortunate that we didn't get lost.
We were lucky _____.
7 I'm sure Jerry went into town last night.
_____ town last night?
8 I can't make a decision until I've spoken to Pat.
Not _____ Pat can I make a decision.