

INVERSION

1. Complete the sentences with the correct negative adverb from the box.

NOT ONLY – NO SOONER...THAN... – UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES – NEVER –
RARELY – SELDOM – LITTLE – NOT ONCE – ONLY THEN – NOWHERE – NOT UNTIL

- a) _____ did the developers realise that the new video game would be so successful.
- b) _____ do very young scientists win Nobel prizes.
- c) _____ did I discover that the machine had stopped working.
- d) _____ 1953 was the structure of DNA discovered by Watson and Crick.
- e) _____ are you to discuss our experiments. They are secret.
- f) _____ is this appliance affordable, but it is also energy efficient.
- g) _____ will you find harder-working students than those in the science department.
- h) _____ had the rocket been launched, _____ it spiralled out of control and crashed.
- i) _____ were the machines serviced, and so they malfunctioned.

2. Rewrite these sentences using Inversion.

1. This book is extremely long and it's very boring.

Not only _____, but _____.

2. You won't find a more patient teacher anywhere.

Nowhere _____.

3. We were hardly ever allowed to do experiments when we were children.

Rarely _____ when we were children.

4. I had to wait until I was 30 before being able to afford a car.

Not until _____ to afford to buy a car.

5. The minute they got to the beach they ran into the sea.

No sooner _____ than _____.

6. You're not to lift this by yourself as it's much too heavy.

Under no circumstances _____ as it's much too heavy.