

INVERSION

There are two ways to invert the subject and the verb.

be/have/modal/auxiliary verb + subject + main verb

After adverbs with 'restrictive' / negative meaning: Hardly (ever)...when Scarcely Rarely Barely Little Never (before) Seldom	Little did we realise the true extent of his involvement. Never had they experienced such behaviour. Hardly had the guests arrived when the bell for supper was rung.
Only + time expression or prepositional phrase	Only later did Dickens produce full novels Only with a great deal of effort was he able to escape.
Only + conjunction (inversion in main clause!!!) Only if, only after, only by, only when Not until/till	Only if the weather improves <u>will the golf tournament take place.</u>
In no way At no time Under no circumstances On no account	At no time during the operation did the patient regain consciousness. Under no circumstances can refunds be given.
Not + only/time expression/ person or thing No sooner...than	Not only is he late, but he hasn't (also) brought a present. Not since records began has youth unemployment been so high. Not a single stone was left unturned in the search. No sooner had we set out than the skies opened.

So + adjective +that clause	So intense was the heat (that) the firefighters were unable to enter the building for two hours .
Such + to be	They led a life of poverty. Such is the fate of most orphans in this area

- With **so**, **neither**, **nor**, as to express agreement.
e.g. 'I like candies'. '**So** do I' (we use 'so' to agree with an affirmative statement)
'I don't like candies' '**Neither** do I' (we use 'neither/nor' to agree with a negative statement)
- With **should**, **were**, **had** when they come at the beginning of an if-clause instead of "if"
Type 1: **Should** Jane come, let me know
Type 2: **Were** I you, I wouldn't say anything
Type 3: **Had** they been told, I would have offered my help.

main verb + subject

- After verbs of movement or adverbial expressions of place when they come at the beginning of a sentence.

Outside the door was a dog.

On the sofa sat an old man.

Here comes the bride.

There goes the taxi.

- If the subject is a pronoun, there is no inversion.
Here she comes (NOT: Here comes she)

Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words in bold:

1.- The rain came **down**

Down came the rain

2.- The birds flew **away**

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3.- My house is **at the end of the road**

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4.- The actors came **onto the stage**

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5.- The airplane rose **up into the sky**

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6.- The Grand Hotel stands **at the foot of the mountains**

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7.- The policeman walked **down the street**

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8.- The window cleaner climbed **up the ladder**

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Rewrite the sentences:

9.- I have seldom eaten at such an expensive restaurant.

Seldom have I eaten at such an expensive restaurant

10.- She had no sooner fallen asleep than the telephone rang.

No sooner.....

11.- We not only got lost, but our car broken down.

Not only.....

12.- I have never heard such a terrible story before.

Never

13.- We realized only then that the jewels had been stolen.

Only then.....

14.- Business has rarely been so good

Not once.....

15.- The boss has not once given him a bonus

Not once.....

16.- You should not enter this room under any circumstances

Under no circumstances.....

17.- I got to know Peter only after meeting him several times

Only after.....