

# Inversion with 'Not only ..... but .... also / either'

For emphasis when listing two examples in **formal writing**, we can start a sentence with

**NOT ONLY + aux verb + S**

The subject and verb are inverted. Use 'either' instead of 'also' if the sentence is negative.

**It was** boiling hot. There was no wind.

Not only **was it** boiling hot, but there was **no wind either**.

She has 3 dogs. She has 3 cats too.

Not only **does she have** 3 dogs, but she has 3 cats **also**.

She can play guitar. She can play piano.

Not only **can she** play guitar, but she can play piano **also**.

The flight has been cancelled. We can't get a refund.

Not only **has the flight** been cancelled, but we can't get a refund **either**.

Susan smoked and she drank.

Not only **did Susan smoke**, but she drank **also**.

**Re-write the sentences using 'not only'.**

1. The school closed. People had to stay indoors.

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2. You need a science degree and you need experience in the field.

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3. She can dance and she can sing.

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4. They will go to Thailand and they will stay in luxury beach huts.

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5. There are people complaining and there are people refusing to pay.

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6. We need food and we need medicine.

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7. The car is cheap to buy and it is economical to run.

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8. You can't wear jeans and you can't wear trainers.

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9. She has 2 exams this morning and 2 exams this afternoon.

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10. We went to our local MP and then we went to Parliament.

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**Do these examples verbally.**

1. I have to buy a new phone and I have to buy a new laptop.
2. We went to Tenerife and we went to Lanzarote.
3. We lost the tickets and we missed the flight.
4. I have bought a salmon and a trout also.
5. Jim is coming and his brother is also coming.
6. I have told him to take it back and to complain fiercely.
7. Jenny can't sing and neither can her sister.
8. I eat too much chocolate and I don't do enough exercise.
9. It is pouring with rain and there is a freezing wind.
10. It is a well organised course and you learnt a lot also.