

## INVERSION: PRACTICE 2

### EXERCISE 1

USING INVERSION, REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

❶ You come to realise the significance of the murder only in the last few pages of the book.

Only in the last \_\_\_\_\_

❷ The demands of her job are such that she is rarely able to take a holiday.

Such \_\_\_\_\_

❸ The matter could be explained in no other way.

In \_\_\_\_\_

❹ I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.

Seldom \_\_\_\_\_

❺ Peter didn't realize that he had lost his keys until he got home.

Not \_\_\_\_\_

❻ If Mr Chan had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.

\_\_\_\_\_

❼ If an emergency should arise, dial 999.

\_\_\_\_\_

❽ There are no circumstances where audience members may consume alcohol.

Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

❾ They started to argue soon after they had got married.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

❿ You can't use my new car at any time.

At no time \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 2

REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING INVERSION.

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance.

Little \_\_\_\_\_

2. We won't consider you for the basketball team until you grow up.

Not until \_\_\_\_\_

3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994.

Not since \_\_\_\_\_

4. You will not be allowed to enter the auditorium under any circumstances once the play has started.

Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

5. He would never play in front of a live audience again.

Never \_\_\_\_\_

6. Amy had not enjoyed herself so much since she went to the circus as a child.  
Not since \_\_\_\_\_
7. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before.  
Never before \_\_\_\_\_
8. They only realized the painting had been hung upside down when someone complained at reception.  
Only when \_\_\_\_\_
9. I had been in the room for a few minutes when I realized that everyone was staring at me.  
Only after \_\_\_\_\_
10. He discovered that he had injured his knee when he tried to run.  
Only when \_\_\_\_\_
11. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.  
Hardly \_\_\_\_\_
12. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read thoroughly under any circumstances.  
Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 3

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.  
a) Little have I known                      b) Little did I know  
c) Little I knew                                d) I knew little
2. In no way \_\_\_\_\_ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.  
a) did I ever                                      b) I ever did  
c) had I ever                                      d) I had ever
3. Hardly \_\_\_\_\_ we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.  
a) we had finished breakfast that              b) had we finished breakfast that  
c) had we finished breakfast when              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                                      b) I was told  
c) I had been told                                      d) was I told
5. Not since the 1960s \_\_\_\_\_ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.  
a) so many people have  
b) have so many people  
c) did so many people have  
d) had so many people had

#### EXERCISE 4

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS WITH THE VERB IN THE CORRECT FORM.

1. Not until the area is made safe \_\_\_\_\_ (construction/can continue).
2. In no way \_\_\_\_\_ (the announcement/affect) how strongly we felt about the situation.
3. Seldom \_\_\_\_\_ (you/see) a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
4. Not only \_\_\_\_\_ (Jerry/forget) my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
5. At no time \_\_\_\_\_ (I/ask) my opinion on the subject.
6. Only when I checked the ticket again \_\_\_\_\_ (I/realise) that I had won first prize!
7. Only if the weather is clear \_\_\_\_\_ (the space shuttle/will allow) to launch.
8. Such \_\_\_\_\_ (the media interest/be) in the wedding that there were over a dozen photographers.

#### EXERCISE 5

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.

at no point ★ in no way ★ little ★ never ★ not ★ not only ★ no sooner  
only after ★ scarcely ★ on no account ★ rarely ★ 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.