

**EXERCISE 1 - INVERSION - REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING BETWEEN 3-6 WORDS.**

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance. **LITTLE**  
\_\_\_\_\_ that the police had them under surveillance.
2. As soon as they got married they started to argue. **SOONER**  
No \_\_\_\_\_ they started to argue.
3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994. **NOT**  
\_\_\_\_\_ so many matches for his team.
4. You can't enter the auditorium once the play has started. **ALLOWED**  
Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ the auditorium once the play has started.
5. Amy hadn't had such a good time since she went to the circus as a child. **ENJOYED**  
Not since she went to the circus as a child \_\_\_\_\_
6. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before. **NEVER**  
\_\_\_\_\_ such a terrible performance of Hamlet.
7. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds. **HARDLY**  
\_\_\_\_\_ when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
8. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read under any circumstances. **UNDER**  
\_\_\_\_\_ a contract you haven't read.
9. She realised she'd lost her keys the moment she arrived home. **SOONER**  
\_\_\_\_\_ she realised she'd lost her keys.
10. If you do not wish to receive further information, put a tick in the box. **SHOULD**  
\_\_\_\_\_ receive further information, put a tick in the box.

**EXERCISE 2 – INVERSION - COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.**

at no point • in no way • little • never before • 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.

**EXERCISE 3 – INVERSION - CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.**

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