

**ACTIVITY 25**  
**Inversions with negative adverbials**

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Type the correct inversion with its corresponding negative adverbial changes for the sentences below. Be careful with punctuation marks/capitalisation if required.
2. Use the words in brackets.
3. Look at the example below for further guidance.

**EXAMPLE:**

0. (Scarcely/we/arrive) **Scarcely had we arrived home** when my phone rang.

1: (Never/I/meet) \_\_\_\_\_ such well-behaved children before. They are as good as gold.

2: (No sooner/my father/sit down) \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner than there was a knock on the door.

3: (Little/he/know) \_\_\_\_\_ that his culinary skills are quite substandard.

4: (At no time/I mean) \_\_\_\_\_ to hurt your feelings. It was all a big misunderstanding.

5: (Seldom/we/have) \_\_\_\_\_ friends over for a drink. We prefer to meet them at pubs or restaurants.

6: (Not only/he/make) \_\_\_\_\_ a fuss in front of people at the restaurant, but he also tossed the table and dishes due to a lack of self-control.

7: Only when the situation gets out of hand \_\_\_\_\_ (the government/begin) to act. However, it will be too late for us...

8: Not until June \_\_\_\_\_ (you/can/get) all the swimming gear out of the drawers.

9: Only by \_\_\_\_\_ (stand/chair) could Martha reach the self.

10: (No sooner/they/get married) \_\_\_\_\_ than they started to argue.