

## INVERSION – EXERCISES

**A. Underline the correct words in bold in each sentence.**

1. Jim promised that **he would never/ never would he** tell anyone else.
2. Not until it was too late **I remembered / did I remember** to call Susan.
3. Hardly had we settled down in our seats **than/when** the lights went out.
4. Only after checking three times **I was/was I** certain of the answer.
5. At no time **I was aware/was I aware** of anything out of usual.
6. Only Mary and Sally **passed/ did they pass** the final examination.
7. **So the waves were high/ So high were the waves** that swimming was dangerous.
8. Only when **Peter has arrived / has Peter arrived** can we begin the program.
9. No sooner had it stopped raining **than/when** the sun came out.
10. **If should you leave early/ Should you leave early** could you give me a lift?

**B. Complete each sentence by using the phrases from the box.**

Had we    No sooner had    On no account    Should you  
Not only did    Under no circumstances will  
Were you    Hardly had    Little did    Rarely have

1. \_\_\_\_\_ we arrived at the hotel, when there was a power cut.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ should you tell him about the test results.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ she know what she was about to discover!
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to pay the full amount now, there would be a ten per cent discount.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ need any help, do not hesitate to contact me.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the doctors seen a more difficult case.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jean win first prize, but she also offered a promotion.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ late arrivals be admitted to the theatre before the interval.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ one missing child been found, than another three disappeared.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ arrived earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane.

**C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.**

1. It was only when the office phoned me that I found out about the meeting.  
**find**  
Not until the office phoned me \_\_\_\_\_ about the meeting.
2. The facts were not all made public at the time.  
**later**  
Only \_\_\_\_\_ all made public.
3. If I had known about the event, I would have let you know.  
**known**  
Had \_\_\_\_\_ about the event, I would have let you know.
4. As soon as I got home, I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.  
**than**  
No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.
5. If he saw you here, he would be surprised.  
**to**  
Were \_\_\_\_\_ here, he would be surprised.