INVERSION

EXERCISE 1: Rewrite using the words in brackets:

1.As soon as he went into the bank, one of the robbers attacked him.(No sooner…than..)

2.She fell asleep as soon as she lay down.(Hardly..when..)

3.As soon as he stepped into the bathroom, the cell phone rang.(No sooner …than..)

4.He read the reading passage first. Immediately after that he answered the questions.(Hardly..when..)

5.As soon as he saw her , he recognised her.(No sooner… than…)

6. As soon as I entered the room, I noticed her. (No sooner..than../Hardly..when..)

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7. As soon as he approached the house, the policeman stopped him.(No sooner..than/Hardly..when)

EXERCISE 2 :Reformulate the following sentences using inversion.

Example : She at no time said she was vegetarian.
At no time did she say (that) she was vegetarian.

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7. The artist rarely paid any attention to his agent's advice.
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9. He had never felt so depressed
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13. The couple had no sooner arrived than the priest started the ceremony.
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15. Tom only understood the meaning of the comment when he saw his wife's face.
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17. She never at any time said that she was allergic to cats.
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19. The restaurant cannot accept animals under any circumstances

EXERCISE 3:

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2. Max no sooner arrives than the class starts.
3. The bell will no sooner ring than the feast will start tomorrow.
4. We had hardly arrived at the station when the announcement started.
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6. He had hardly arrived at the bus stop when the bus came.
7. I had hardly arrived home when the telephone rang.
8. She had scarcely finished reading when she fell asleep.
9. They had barely won the match when the coach had a heart attack.
10. The company had no sooner launched its new product than it went bankrupt.
11. They no sooner realized that they had made a mistake than the company went bankrupt.
12. I had no sooner opened one doll than I found another one nested in it.
13- *I had no sooner entered home than the bellrang.*
14- *I had hardly entered home* ***when*** *the bell rang.*
15. Bob ***rarely*** speaks to himself.
16. Bob seldom gets invited to parties. (seldom = rarely)
17. We have never seen such a breathtaking view.
18. The prisoner at no time looked as if he might confess.
19. She is not only a great dancer but she is also an amazing mathematician.
20.She didn't overcome her fear of heights *until* she took up rock climbing.
*21.P*risoners will not be allowed to give interviews to the media any *circumstances*.

EXERCISES

I. Choose the most suitable words underlined.
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 I call Susan.
3. Hardly had we settle 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 sang 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 leave me a lift?

II. Rewrite these sentences, using NEVER.
1. She has never been so happy before.
2. I have never heard such nonsense!
3. I have never seen such a mess in my life.
4. Our profits this year are higher than they have ever been.
5. She would never again trust her own judgment when buying antiques.
6. The firm has never before laid on such a sumptuous celebration.
7. I've never come across such a horrifying film.
8. I have never been so moved by a Shakespeare production.
9. I never for one moment thought the consequences would be so far- reaching.
10. I had never tasted such a wonderful combination of flavors before.

II. Rewrite these sentences, using RARELY, SELDOM or LITTLE.
1. One rarely find good service these days.
2. She has rarely traveled more than fifty miles from her village.
3. It is very unusual for a military campaign to have been fought with so little loss of life.
4. It is unusual for the interior of the island to be visited by tourists.
5. Public borrowing has seldom been so high.
6. They had seldom participated in such a fascinating ceremony.
7. They little suspected that the musical was going to be a runaway success.
8. The embassy staff little realized that Ted was a secret agent.

9. She didn't realized what would happen to her next.
10. I didn't think that one day I'd be appearing in films rather then just watching them.

III. Rewrite these sentences, using IN, AT , UNDER, or ON.

1. Keith certainly can't be held responsible for the accident.
2. The children themselves are not in any way to blame for the disaster.
3.The existence of extraterrestrial is not confirmed by the report.
4. I was never shown how to operate the machinery.
5. He never suspected that she was a witch.
6. There has never been a time when the English language was not in a state of change.
7. Miss Weaver will not be offered the job under any circumstances.
8. You should not send money to us by post under any circumstances.
9.We can't exchange tickets in any circumstances.
10.I won't go out that way to visit him again on my account!

IV. Rewrite these sentences, using inversion with NOT.

1. He is my friend as well as yours.
2. He booked tickets for the afternoon performance and the evening performance as well.
3. Burglars stole a thousand pounds' worth of electrical goods, and left the flat in an awful mess.
4. Tony was not only late, but he had left all his books behind.
5. You will enhance your posture and improve your acting ability on this course.
6. It isn't worth considering his suggestion for a moment.
7. She didn't shed a tear when the story ended in tragedy.
8. The manager not once offered us an apology.
9. She made no sound as she crept upstairs.
10.He only thought about having a holiday abroad after he retired.

V. Rewrite these sentences, using inversion with ONLY.

1. I only realized how dangerous the situation had been when I got home.
2. It wasn't until last week that the Agriculture Minister admitted defeat.
3. I understood Hamlet only after seeing it on the stage.
4. They didn't get round to business until they had finished eating.
5. They had to wait for twelve hours before their flight left.
6. I didn't realize who he was until later.
7. The door could not be opened without using force.
8. I won't agree until Tom's apologized.
9. To get the 40% discount, you must buy all twelve books at the same time.
10.The only way you can become a good athlete is by training hard every day.

VI. Rewrite these sentences, using inversion with SHOULD.

1. If the Government were forced into another election, it would be the favourite to win.
2. If you should wish to make an appointment to see Dr Simons, she is available between 9.00 and 11.00.
3. If you should have further problems with your printer, contact your dealer for advice.
4. If you should decide to accept the post, you will be expected to start work on 1st April.
5. If we hear any further news, we will be in touch immediately.
6. If you wish to take advantage of the offer, kindly tick the box on your order form.
7. If the film should be a post office success, they may be sequel.
8. If you should change your mind, there will always be a job for you here.

VII. Rewrite these sentences, using inversion with WERE OR HAD

1. If the chemical were to leak, a large area of the sea would be contaminated.
2. If Germany were to beat Romania, they would face Italy in the final.
3. If Mr Morgan were still head master, he would not permit such bad behavior.

4. If you had given it on time, you would have got a high mark.
5. If she had become a lawyer, as her parents wished, she would have earn a large salary.
6. If anything has gone wrong with my plan, I would have held responsibility.
7.If it hadn't been for Henry,I might not have met you.
8. If only they had confirmed by phone, the airline could have warned them.
9. The coast guards could have saved the vessels if they had been notified.
10. If his solicitor hadn't advised him, he would have made a serious mistake.

VIII. Rewrite each of the following sentences with the given words in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed above it.

1. He spent all his money. He even borrowed some from me.□Not only_____
2. He had hardly left the office when the telephone rang.□ No sooner _____
3. I had only just put the phone down when the boss rang back.□ Hardly _____
4. He didn't finish his work until the bell rang.□ Not until _____
5. We only began to see the symptoms of the disease after several months.□ Only _____
6. I have never seen anyone in my life drink as much as you.□ Never _____
7. A sleeping dog was lying under the table.□ Under the table _____
8. His brother had rarely been more excited.□Rarely_____
9. The facts were not all made public until later.□Only_____
10. If I had realized what would happen, I wouldn't have accepted the job.□Had_____
11. The response to our appeal was so great that we has to take on more staff.□ Such_____
12. Harry broke his leg, and also injured his shoulder.□Not only _____
13. The police didn't at all suspect that the judge was the murderer.□ Little _____
14. If you do happen to see Helen, could you ask her to call me?□Should_____
15. The bus driver can not be blamed for the accident in any way.□ In _____
16. The snowfall was so heavy that all the trains had to be cancelled.□ So _____
17. If the government raised interest rates. They would lose the election.□Were_____
8. As soon as I got into the bath, someone knocked at the door.□ No sooner _____
19. There was so much uncertainty that the financial markets remained losed.□Such_____
20. It's not common for there to be so much rain in March.□Seldom_____
21. You won't allowed in until your identify has been checked.□Only_____
22. Just after the play started there was a power failure.□Hardly_____
23. The Prime Minister has hardly ever made a speech as inept as this.□Rarely_____
24. We had only just arrived home when the police called.□Scarcely_____
25. Press photographers are banned from taking photographs backstage.□ On no_____
26. The way so much money has been spent to so little purpose must be a record.□ Never before_____
27. The judge was taken ill just after the trial proceedings began.□ Barely_____

IX. Complete each sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

1……..had we arrived at the hotel, when there was a power cut.
2……..are members of staff to accept gratuities from clients.
3. …….Detective Dawson realized what she was to discover!.
4. ……so many employees taken sick leave at the same time.
5. …… to pay the full amount now, there would be a ten per cent discount.
6. I supposed, as…….most people, that I would be retiring at 60.
7. ……..the doctor seen more difficult case.
8. ……Jean win first prize, but she was also offered a promotion.
9. …….will late arrival be admitted to the theatre before the interval.
10. ……one missing child been found, than another three disappeared.

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1. Scarcely …….the pilot had to make an emergent landing.
2. Little …….what has been going on in her absent.

3. No sooner …….tan I realized I'd left my bag on the platform.
4. Only when …….on the light did we notice the hole of the ceiling.
5. Not until I asked a passer –by ……. where I was.
6. Seldom does ……below freezing at this time of the year.
7. Hardly …….. his speech, when the minister interrupted.
8. On no account am ……..while I am in a meeting.
9. Rarely has ……this school written a better composition.
10. In no way …….. bear responsibility for injured passengers.

XI. Rewrite each sentences so that it contains the word or words in capitals, and so that the meaning stay the same.

a. Were Smith to resign, I might stand a chance of getting his job. IF
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b. Such was the demand for the tickets that people queued day and night. GREAT
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c. The money is not to be paid under any circumstances. NO
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d. Three days passed before we arrived at the first oasis. NOT UNTIL
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f. They would have discovered land sooner had they carried a compass IF
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g. Little did Brenda know what she was letting herself in for. IDEA
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h. It was only when I stopped that I realized something was wrong DID I
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i. The accused never expressed regret for what he had done. AT NO TIME
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j. So exhausted were the runners that none of them finished the race. TOO.
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XII. Rewrite these sentences with the adverbial phrase of direction or place at the front of clause. Use inversion where possible.

1. The people dived for cover as the bullets flew over their heads.
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6. She could hear the sound of the tractor and suddenly it came round the corner.
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7. A while pillar was in front of them and a small, marble statue stood on top of it.
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8. The teacher blew a whistle and the children ran off.
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KEYS

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IX. Complete each sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

1. Hardly/ Scarcely
2. Under no circumstances
3. Little did
4. Never had / Rarely had
5. Were you
6. do
7. Never had /have
8. Not only did
9. Under no circumstances
10. No sooner had

X. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase. (Suggested answers)

1. had the plane taken off, when
2. Does she know
3. had the train left
4. we turned.
5. did I know
6. the temperature fall
7. had he begun.
8. I to be disturbed
9. a pupil at this / a student from
10. does the company.

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5. At the end of the street ran a small stream. Across the stream was an overgrown garden.
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7. In front of them was a white pillar, and on top of it stood a small, marble statue.
8. …….and off ran the children.