

UNIT 6 MONEY

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Inversion is used in English for:

- ▶ formality
- ▶ emphasis
- ▶ dramatic purpose

There are different ways of inverting a sentence.

- ▶ After a negative or limiting adverb or adverbial phrase (*hardly, seldom, not only, never, never before, no way, rarely, no sooner ... than*). If there is no auxiliary verb, add *do, does, or did*.

People had seldom been so confused. → *Seldom had people been so confused.*

They not only go to the cinema, but they also go to the theatre. → *Not only do they go to the cinema, but they also go to the theatre.*

We had never experienced this before. → *Never before had we experienced this.*

- ▶ After *barely, hardly, scarcely*, and *no sooner* + past perfect to signal that one action finished just before another one started. Notice the use of the time connectors *when* and *than*.

I had scarcely sat down to eat dinner when the phone rang. → *Scarcely had I sat down to dinner when the phone rang.*

As soon as he had bought his new phone a new model came out. → *No sooner had he bought his new phone than a new model came out.*

- ▶ After expressions with preposition + *no*, e.g. *at no time, on no account, under no circumstances*.

You definitely shouldn't pay the bill. → *On no account should you pay the bill.*

They definitely shouldn't apologize. → *Under no circumstances should they apologize.*

- ▶ After *little* with a negative meaning.

She doesn't know how lucky she is to have such a well-paid job. → *Little does she know how lucky she is to have such a well-paid job.*

1 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 I/so/felt./Seldom/embarrassed/had

- 2 we/spent/Never/money/./had/so/much

- 3 your./Under/pay/no/I/for/ticket/will/
circumstances

- 4 the station/sooner/arrived/had/No/the train/
reached/than/we/.

- 5 ./had/they/got into bed/when/they/fell asleep/Hardly

- 6 all evening/going to/are/TV/No way/./we/watch

- 7 do/in the project/has invested/realize/Little/no one/
./that/they

- 8 he/it/the film, ././Not only/direct/he/did/funded/also

- 9 ./the terms/offering/should/accept/On no account/
the bank/is/you

- 10 left the store/was missing/had/./when/I/Scarcely/
my wallet/found/I

2 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Never before **had he/he had** felt so strange.
- 2 No sooner had I left the house **when/than** the phone rang.
- 3 **Hardly/Rarely** have we seen such beautiful scenery!
- 4 Under no circumstances **should/could** you drive my car.
- 5 No way **I did/did I** spend all that money.
- 6 **Barely/Little** does she know what a big mistake she is making.
- 7 **On no account/Scarcely** will they change their minds about this.
- 8 Seldom does this orchestra **play/plays** so well.

3 Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1 They had not only wasted our money, they had also wasted our time.
Not only _____
- 2 You definitely can't proceed with this scheme without sufficient funds.
Under no circumstances _____
- 3 She had never heard such shocking news before.
Never before _____
- 4 He had only just started his new job when the boss gave him a promotion.
Hardly _____
- 5 I had just paid for the movie online when I realized I'd seen it before.
No sooner _____
- 6 She doesn't know how unpopular the budget cuts are likely to be.
Little does _____
- 7 There has rarely been such an extraordinary reaction to a public announcement.
Rarely _____
- 8 Businesses don't often become successful so quickly.
Seldom _____