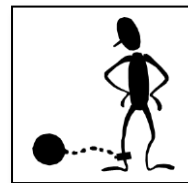


# Inversion – Exercises



## Exercise 1

Use the inversion structures in the box to re-write the sentences, giving emphasis. There is only one possible answer from the structures in the box for each sentence.

on no account	at no time	never before	little	under no circumstances		
nowhere	not until	not only	seldom	hardly	no sooner	only when

1. I have not often met such a determined person.

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2. The children had no idea that they were in for so many adventures together on the school trip.

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3. When they actually start performing, they'll discover that they have hidden talents.

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4. Travelling didn't become a widespread phenomenon until the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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5. Sonia had never had such a feeling of freedom and strength.

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6. We cannot allow this kind of behaviour in the classroom at all.

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7. We should not assume, in any way, shape or form, that our planet will always provide us with enough food.

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8. He had only just finished his speech when his boss called him on his mobile.

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9. While in Paris, Charlie didn't ever really understand his feelings for his girlfriend.

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10. Just as soon as he finished his degree, he went to visit his family in the south of Spain.

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11. This strange-sounding and beautiful bird cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

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12. Private cars unnecessarily add to the chaos in our cities, and they pollute the environment.

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## Exercise 2

Use the inversion structures in the box to re-write the sentences, giving emphasis. There may be more than one possible answer in some of the sentences.

on no account	rarely	not only	hardly	never	no sooner	little	not until
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1. This is the longest drought there has ever been in this area of the country.

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2. We had no idea that it gets so dark at night here that it is impossible to see anything.

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3. There won't be any chance of rescuing survivors until the storm has passed.

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4. Visitors are not permitted to leave the designated footpaths, for any reason.

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5. There are bears and wolves in those woods, so it's dangerous to go there.

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6. Wild flowers began to bloom in the fields as soon as the rain season began.

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7. It is extremely unusual to see fish in a river as polluted as this.

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8. The climbers set off for the summit and almost immediately it began to snow heavily.

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**Exercise 3:** For each situation, write three sentences with the words given.

1. A list: In the safari park: a) you must not swim in the river  
b) you should not leave your vehicle  
c) you cannot feed the animals

- On no account .....
- At no time .....
- Under no circumstances .....

2. A narrative: a) I left the house, started walking down the street, but heard footsteps behind me.  
b) I just got through to my friend on the phone when the line went dead.  
c) I didn't expect the journey to be so difficult.

- Hardly .....
- No sooner .....
- Little .....

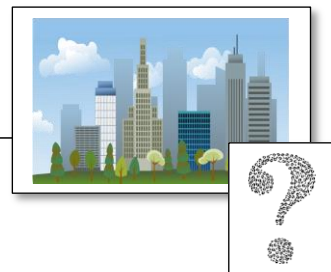
3. A description of a beautiful part of your country:  
a) You will never see such wonderful forests  
b) You cannot find so many species of butterfly  
c) There are such lovely beaches here.

- Nowhere else .....
- Rarely .....
- In no other country .....

4. An account of events in your country's history:  
a) It didn't become independent until the 19<sup>th</sup> century.  
b) It became possible to travel easily when the railway lines were build.  
c) So many people are out of work now than a century ago.

- Not until .....
- Only when .....
- Not since .....

## Inversion practice - Which city .....?



**Ex. 1. In small groups, brainstorm which cities have the following criteria.**

A city ....

1. where most people who are born there – eventually move to a different city eventually.
2. that is famous for having many great museums.
3. where the population is very multi-cultural.
4. which has lovely parks, and where you can see a lot of theatres.
5. which has a lot of street markets.
6. which used to have a reputation for very bad food.
7. where it rains a lot.

**Ex. 2. Put the words in the correct order in the sentences below and then decide which city they are describing.**

1) *Find rarely you will someone*

..... in the city centre who was actually born in the city.

2) *Leave no on account you should*

..... this city without visiting one of its great museums.

3) *You after of tried only have types different the food on offer*

..... will you realize how multi-cultural this city is.

4) *Have does only this not city many*

..... lovely parks but it also has a wide range of shows and plays to choose from.

5) *A find you seldom city will with*

..... so many street markets.

6) *Believe you no should account no*

..... the reputation this city has for bad food - as this reputation is long dead.

7) *Circumstances you no should under forget*

..... your umbrella when visiting this city.

**Ex. 3. Write some of your own sentences about a city for your partner to guess.**