

not only ... but also...

S + V + not only + Adj/Adv/N + but also + Adj/Adv/N
S + not only + V + but also + V

“not only ... but also” is used to connect and emphasize 2 words or 2 phrases at the same position.

Example:

Adj: She is **not only** beautiful **but also** intelligent.
Adv: She speaks English **not only** fluently **but also** naturally.
N: I like **not only** apple **but also** banana.
V: I **not only** sing well but **also** dance perfectly

S + V + not only + Adj + but also + Adj

Adj: She is **not only** beautiful **but also** intelligent.
She is **not only** rich **but also** famous.

S + V + not only + Adv + but also + Adv

Adv: She speaks English **not only** fluently **but also** naturally.
Bob works **not only** quickly **but also** efficiently.

S + V + not only + Noun + but also + Noun

N: I like **not only** apple **but also** banana.
He speaks **not only** English **but also** Spanish.
He visited **not only** France **but also** Switzerland.

S + not only + V + but also + V

V: I **not only** sing well but **also** dance perfectly
He **not only** speaks English **but also** Spanish.
He **not only** insulted her in front of her friends **but also** threatened to beat her up.

INVERSION

To add emphasis, we can use **not only** at the beginning of a clause. When we do this, we invert the subject and the verb.

Not only + V/ADJ/NOUN/ADV

+ but (he/she)also + V/ADJ/NOUN/ADV

Verb be/ aux (do/will/should/would /can/ could)

NOUN: **Not only** does he speak English **but (he) also (speaks)** Spanish.

NOUN PHRASE : **Not only** was it raining all day at the wedding **but also** the band was late.

Not only will they paint the outside of the house **but also** the inside.

Not only is he handsome **but (he is) also** intelligent.

When there is no auxiliary verb or main verb be, we use do, does, did:

Not only did she forget my birthday, **but** she **also** didn't even apologise for forgetting it.

NOTE: A double negative is considered an error – a negative form after not only sound very unnatural.

Not only did she not have any experience **but** she **also** did not have relevant education

It's better to rephrase: **Not only** was she lacking in experience **but also** in relevant education..

Join the pairs of sentences below using the structure “Not only...but also...”.

Example: He has to pass a theory test. He has to pass a practice test.

Answer: He **not only** has to pass a theory test **but also** a practice test.

1. She wants to runs a marathon. She wants to write a book.
2. He hits very hard. He moves very fast.
3. They are strong. They have stamina.
4. He likes to train hard at the gym. He follows a healthy diet.
5. He writes articles for some newspapers. He does painting and decorating.
6. He wants to buy a car for his son. He wants to buy a motorbike for himself.
7. The book I read yesterday was educational. The book I read yesterday was interesting.
8. The restaurant was too noisy. The food was quite bland.