

Advanced Premium Class 8

Speaking part 1

Writing - an essay

Inversion

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Speaking Part One

Take turns to take the role of examiner and candidate. Ask and answer the questions.

1 Choose one or two questions from the list.

- Where are you from?
- What do you do there?
- How long have you been studying English?
- What do you enjoy most about studying English?

2 Choose one or more questions from the list.

- What has been your most interesting travel experience so far?
- What did you like most about the area where you grew up?
- Who has more influence on your life – your friends or your family?
- Do you prefer to get the news from newspapers, television or the internet?
- Do you ever wish you were rich and famous?

Travel

Tell you partner how much you agree or disagree with the following statements

"You become more independent and assured in your ideas."

"Experiencing other cultures broadens your horizons."

"Travelling helps you to meet people like yourself."

In what other ways can travelling benefit young people?



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Read this essay question

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Does this text answer the question?

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2 Write the corrections to Exercise 1 in the gaps below.

A	<u>their</u>
B	<u></u>
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- A missing word (line 7) their
- B incorrect tense used (line 1) have been using
- C wrong article (line 8) the
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- H Spelling mistake with single/double letter (line 11) impressionable
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3 Which is the best conclusion for the essay, Paragraph A or B?

- A** With the above in mind, I would argue that the most important benefit of travelling is in living among new people in fresh environments. It is, in fact, the source of all other positive opportunities and outcomes that emerge from such exploration of the world.
- B** The final point is that any traveller is likely to come across like-minded people, some of whom are very likely to become good friends for life. Each and every one of the three benefits is of importance, I would argue.

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Inversion

We can use a different word order after some negative words and expressions, when they come at the beginning of a sentence. Inversions are usually used for emphasis in formal English.

Normal order - He had **never** seen a more beautiful place in his life.



Emphatic order - **Never** had he seen a more beautiful place in his life.

Analyze the sentences below. Underline a subject and a question form of a verb as shown in the example.

1. At no time had he mentioned the therapist by name.
2. Scarcely had I entered the room when the baby started crying.
3. Not only did he fail to report the accident, but also he didn't have up-to-date insurance.
4. Rarely had I had so much free time.
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Activity 4

Next look at these sentences. Where does the inversion occur?

Not until I got home did I notice that I had the wrong umbrella.

Only after I had sent the parcel did I remember that I had forgotten to put the present inside.

Only when

Only if

Only after

Not until.

Activity 5 Circle the correct word or phrase.

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Activity 6 Rewrite each sentence, starting as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

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Little _____

2. It was only when the receptionist phoned me that I realised I had missed my appointment.

Not until _____

3. The true facts were not released to the press until later.

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5. The driver cannot be blamed for the accident in any way.

In _____

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In no way can the driver be blamed for the accident.

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Homework lesson 8 -practice more inversions

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