

# Never have I

## 1 Complete the sentences with inversion.

- 1 Never have I seen (I / see) such a long line at the airport.
- 2 Rarely do we eat (we / eat) dinner before eight.
- 3 Seldom does my boss praise (my boss / praise) anyone in meetings.
- 4 Never have I heard (I / hear) such a ridiculous excuse.
- 5 Not only does she speak (she / speak) French, but she also speaks German.
- 6 Not only did they miss (they / miss) the train, but they also lost their luggage.
- 7 Hardly had I sat (I / sit) down when my phone rang.
- 8 No sooner had we arrived (we / arrive) at the beach than it started to rain.
- 9 Little did I know (I / know) that she was my new boss.
- 10 Only when I got home did I realize (I / realize) that I had lost my keys.

## 2 Rewrite the beginning of each sentence without "if".

- 1 If you need any help, call me.  
Should you need any help, call me.
- 2 If I had known about the delay, I would have taken a later flight.  
Had I known about the delay, I would have taken a later flight.
- 3 If you have any questions, please contact our office.  
Should you have any questions, please contact our office.
- 4 If we had left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the show.  
Had we left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the show.
- 5 If the package arrives damaged, let us know.  
Should the package arrive damaged, let us know.
- 6 If she had asked me, I would have helped her.  
Had she asked me, I would have helped her.
- 7 If I were you, I would talk to HR.  
Were I you, I would talk to HR.
- 8 If they hadn't called, we would have waited all night.  
Had they not called, we would have waited all night.
- 9 If you change your mind, just send me an email.  
Should you change your mind, just send me an email.

## 3 Circle the correct option.

- 1 Not only \_\_\_\_\_ late, but he also forgot the documents.  
he was / was he / did he was
- 2 Rarely \_\_\_\_\_ such good service in a restaurant.  
we get / do we get / we do get
- 3 No sooner had I paid the bill \_\_\_\_\_ I saw the sale sign. when / than / that
- 4 Hardly had we started the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ the power went out. when / than / then
- 5 Little \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was about to close.  
we knew / we did know / did we know
- 6 Only after the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ how serious the problem was.  
did I understand / I understood / I did understand
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you need a ride to the airport, just let me know. Should / Would / Had
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ I known it was your birthday, I would have bought you a gift. If / Had / Should
- 9 Never \_\_\_\_\_ so much snow in April.  
I have seen / have I seen / I saw

## 4 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a) Never I have been to Asia.  
b) Never have I been to Asia.  
c) Never have been I to Asia.
- 2 a) Not only did we lose the game, but we also lost our best player.  
b) Not only we lost the game, but we also lost our best player.  
c) Not only lost we the game, but we also lost our best player.
- 3 a) Had I knew, I would have called you.  
b) Had I known, I would have called you.  
c) Had I know, I would have called you.
- 4 a) Only then I realized my mistake.  
b) Only then realized I my mistake.  
c) Only then did I realize my mistake.

## 4 Choose the correct sentence.

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| <p>5 a) Should you have any problems, call our help desk.</p> <p>b) Should you to have any problems, call our help desk.</p> <p>c) Should you having any problems, call our help desk.</p> | <p>6 a) Hardly I had closed the door when the doorbell rang.</p> <p>b) Hardly had I closed the door when the doorbell rang.</p> <p>c) Hardly had closed I the door when the doorbell rang.</p> |
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## 5 Put the words in order.

- 1 traffic / seen / such / bad / jam / I / have / Never / a / .  
*Never have I seen such a bad traffic jam.*
- 2 Rarely / work / on / do / weekends / I / .  
*Rarely do I work on weekends.*
- 3 did / she / that / was / his / know / sister / Little / I / .  
*Little did I know that she was his sister.*
- 4 then / Only / I / the / did / problem / understand / .  
*Only then did I understand the problem.*
- 5 when / rang / sat / had / phone / Hardly / the / I / down / .  
*Hardly had I sat down when the phone rang.*
- 6 started / raining / it / sooner / arrived / we / than / No / had / .  
*No sooner had we arrived than it started raining.*
- 7 notice / the / I / got / Only / when / home / did / I / mistake / .  
*Only when I got home did I notice the mistake.*
- 8 dinner / we / do / Seldom / have / together / .  
*Seldom do we have dinner together.*

## 6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 Never I have eaten such good pizza.

*Never have I eaten such good pizza.*

2 Not only does she sings, but she also plays the piano.

*Not only does she sing, but she also plays the piano.*

3 Hardly had I left the office than it started to snow.

*Hardly had I left the office when it started to snow.*

4 No sooner had we ordered when the food arrived.

*No sooner had we ordered than the food arrived.*

5 Little I did know about his plans.

*Little did I know about his plans.*

6 Had I know about the party, I would have come.

*Had I known about the party, I would have come.*

7 Should you needed more information, please call us.

*Should you need more information, please call us.*

8 Only when she called I did understand the situation.

*Only when she called did I understand the situation.*

9 Rarely does we go out on weeknights.

*Rarely do we go out on weeknights.*

### YOUR LIFE

## 7 Write about surprises and rare moments in your life.

NEVER HAVE I...

LITTLE DID I KNOW...

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*Answers will vary.*