

## ***INVERSION***

Inversion is used to give emphasis or to be rhetorical in more formal situations, in political speeches, on the news, and also in literature.

The word order goes from SVO → VSO. The verb is at the beginning of the sentence.

He came home late. → Late came he home.

- **NOT ONLY ..., BUT ALSO**

Not only has he lied, but he also stole the money.

Not only did he come late, he was also rude.

- **RARELY/SELDOM/NEVER**

Rarely can you hear such a good speaker.

Seldom have we had a dinner together.

Never comes he on time.

- **HARDLY/SCARCELY/BARELY ..., WHEN** (*This is used to refer to an event that quickly follows another. It is usually used with the past perfect*)

Hardly had he closed the window, when it started to rain.

Scarcely had she cooked the dinner, when all the guests came.

Barely had solved the test, when the lesson finished.

- **NO SOONER ... THAN** (*This is used to refer to an event that quickly follows another. It is usually used with the past perfect, but sometimes with the simple past.*)

No sooner had I finished the homework than the teacher entered the room.

No sooner did I reach the door than I realised it was locked.

- **ONLY AFTER** (*This is usually used with the simple past.*)

Only after he entered the room he realised he had forgotten to put on his shirt.

- **ON NO CONDITION**

On no condition can you come late.

On no condition are you to tell a lie.

- **LITTLE**

Little does he know about me.

- **NOT + OBJECT**

Not a word did I say.

- **AT NO TIME**

At no time was my fear greater.

- **SO/SUCH ... THAT**

So great was her fear, that she couldn't run.

Such was the force of the storm, that the trees were uprooted.

- **NOWHERE**

Nowhere have I seen greater view.

Nowhere did she saw more friends.

- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES/ON NO ACCOUNT**

Under no circumstances can you stay home.

On no account would I die for you.

- **NOT UNTIL**

Not until January will I have holidays.

Not until got I home, I realised I have forgotten the documents.