

Advanced C1-C2

Negative Inversion

Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Underline the negative adverbial trigger (Q1–5)

Underline the negative adverbial that triggers inversion in each sentence.

- Never have I felt so embarrassed in my entire life.*
- Rarely does she complain, even when things are difficult.*
- Not only did he arrive late, but he also forgot his presentation.*
- No sooner had she sat down than the phone rang.*
- Under no circumstances should you sign this contract.*

Exercise B · Choose the correct inverted form (Q6–10)

Choose the correctly inverted sentence.

1. 'She rarely complains.' Rewrite with inversion.

- a) Rarely she complains. b) Rarely complains she. c) Rarely does she complain. d) Rarely is she complaining.

2. 'He had never seen such chaos.' Rewrite with inversion.

- a) Never he had seen such chaos. b) Never had he seen such chaos. c) Never he have seen such chaos. d) Never seen had he such chaos.

3. '___ had she sat down than the phone rang.'

- a) No sooner b) Not until c) Hardly ever d) Never

4. '___ circumstances should you share this.' Fill in the phrase.

- a) Under no b) In no c) On no d) By no

5. Which sentence does NOT require negative inversion?

- a) Rarely does he miss about. b) Not only did she win, but she sang. c) Although it was cold, they stayed outside. d) Never had she stated anything so good.

Negative Inversion — Side B

Exercise C · Correct the inversion error (Q11–14)

Each sentence has an error in the inverted structure. Write the corrected sentence.

1. *Never I have seen such a beautiful sunset.*

2. *Rarely she does complain about anything.*

3. *Not only he passed but also won the prize.*

4. *Under no circumstances you should sign this.*

Exercise D · Rewrite using negative inversion (Q15–17)

Rewrite each sentence using the negative adverbial shown in brackets.

1. *I have never felt so proud. [Never]*

2. *She had just sat down when the alarm went off. [No sooner]*

3. *You should not share this information under any circumstances. [Under no circumstances]*

Exercise E · Add the correct auxiliary (Q18–20)

Fill in the blank with the correct auxiliary verb.

1. *Rarely ___ she arrive late for a meeting.*

2. *Not only ___ he win the competition, but he also broke the record.*

3. *Little ___ she know what awaited her at the office.*

Answer Sheet

For teacher / self-marking use only.

Exercise A — Underline the negative adverbial

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Not only
4. No sooner
5. Under no circumstances

Exercise B — Correct inverted form

6. Rarely does she complain.
7. Never had he seen such chaos.
8. No sooner
9. Under no
10. Although it was cold, they stayed outside.

Exercise C — Correct the error

11. Never have I seen such a beautiful sunset.
12. Rarely does she complain about anything.
13. Not only did he pass, but he also won the prize.
14. Under no circumstances should you sign this.

Exercise D — Rewrite using inversion

15. Never have I felt so proud.
16. No sooner had she sat down than the alarm went off.
17. Under no circumstances should you share this information.

Exercise E — Add the correct auxiliary

18. does
19. did
20. did