

Inversion

1 Write new sentences with a similar meaning beginning with one of these words and phrases.

only if **barely** **only with** **rarely** **at no time** **little**

1 A new film has not often before produced such positive reviews. Rarely has a new film produced such positive reviews.

2 The public was never in any danger. _____

3 He only felt entirely relaxed with close friends and family. _____

4 The match won't be cancelled unless the pitch is frozen. _____

5 I didn't know then that Carmen and I would be married one day. _____

6 He had only just entered the water when it became clear he couldn't swim. _____

Now do the same using these words and phrases.

only once **only in** **on no account** **hardly** **not only** **not for one moment**

7 You must not light the fire if you are alone in the house. _____

8 There was never any competitiveness between the three brothers. _____

9 I wasn't only wet through, I was freezing cold. _____

10 I had only ever climbed this high once before. _____

11 The audience had only just taken their seats when the conductor stepped on to the stage.

12 He has only been acknowledged to be a great author in the last few years. _____

2 Rewrite these sentences using inversion.

1 I had hardly begun to apologize when the door closed.

2 I have seldom heard such a talented singer.

3 The artist rarely paid any attention to his agent's advice.

4 He had never felt so depressed.

5 The shop can in no way be held responsible for customers' lost property.

6 The couple had no sooner arrived than the priest started the ceremony.

7 Tom only understood the meaning of the comment when he saw his wife's face.

8 The restaurant cannot accept animals under any circumstances.