

Unit 9: INVERSION**1 Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

NEVER HARDLY NOWHERE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
 NOT UNTIL NO SOONER LITTLE NOT ONLY

- 1 _____ 1846 was the existence of the planet Neptune finally proven.
- 2 _____ did I know that more trouble was just around the corner.
- 3 _____ have I been spoken to so rudely!
- 4 _____ was he a valued colleague, but he was also a good friend.
- 5 _____ had they left the restaurant, than a group of journalists surrounded them.
- 6 _____ can you find such wonderful pizzas as those in Rome and Naples.
- 7 _____ should you be absent from your seminars.
- 8 _____ had I got into bed, when there was a knock at the door.

2 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence above.

- 1 We had hardly started when it began to rain.
 Hardly _____
- 2 I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.
 Seldom _____
- 3 I shall never forget your kindness.
 Never _____
- 4 I saw only then the danger we were in.
 Only _____
- 5 We had no sooner left the house than it exploded.
 No _____
- 6 He didn't realize that he had lost the key till he got home.
 Not _____
- 7 They not only robbed you, they smashed everything.
 Not _____
- 8 You can find this special kind of ice cream only in Italy.
 Only _____
- 9 Passengers are not permitted to open the door themselves under any circumstances.
 Under no circumstances _____
- 10 He didn't say a single word.
 Not _____