

INVERSION

1. Negative adverbials:

We often use negative inversion structures to emphasize. The verbs are always in AFFIRMATIVE form.

Negative adverbials + Aux + S + V
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Negative adverbials: *never, never before, nowhere, rarely, hardly, little, not once, in no way, at no time, on no account, on no condition, under no circumstances, ...*

Example: *I've never seen such an amazing sight.*

Never have I seen such an amazing sight.

She hardly ever reads any book.

Hardly does she ever read any book.

We didn't know anything about the arrangement.

Little did we know about the arrangement.

He has never thought of the idea of dropping out of school.

At no time has he thought of the idea of dropping out of school.

You should never hand him that much money.

On no condition should you hand him that much money.

2. Only later/Only then:

Example: *We didn't revisit the plan until later.*

Only later did we revisit the plan.

3. Only by + V_{ing}/Only with + Noun:

Example: *We will only succeed if we do this.*

Only by doing this will we succeed.

We will only succeed if we follow this plan.

Only with this plan will we succeed