

INVERSION AFTER NEGATIVE ADVERBIALS

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i = INVERSION: AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT (+ VERB)

HARDLY, BARELY, SCARCELY, NO SOONER

- Hardly i when** Hardly had we arrived home when we heard the news.
- Barely i when** Barely had I opened the book when Mark put on the music.
- Scarcely i when** Scarcely had we finished talking when he made the call.
- No sooner i than** No sooner had the shop opened its doors than it went bankrupt.

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ONLY

- Only if + clause i** Only if we invest more money can we save the company.
- Only when + clause i** Only when I sleep can I forget about the incident.
- Only now i** Only now can I understand what really happened.
- Only + any element i** Only chicken did they serve for dinner.
Only Mark could we trust.

NOT

- Not only i but also** Not only will you get a good result, but you will also be the best.
- Not once i** Not once did she look at me at the party.
- Not since + clause i** Not since I was a child have I had such a great time.
- Not + any element i** Not in a million years will I go back there.
Not until I see her again will I be happy.

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NO

- Under no circumstances i** Under no circumstances should we allow this to happen.
- In no way i** In no way am I related to this man.
- Nowhere i** Nowhere were the people more excited than in that stadium.
- No way i (informal)** No way are we going to pay for that.

NEVER, RARELY, SELDOM, LITTLE

- Never i** Never (before) have I met such a stupid man.
Never (before) had she felt so happy.
- Rarely i** Rarely did they speak to each other.
- Seldom i** Seldom have we seen him in his office since he took the job.
- Little i** Little did we know about him when we hired him.

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