

1.8. Inversion – Inwersja

Inwersję, czyli zamianę podmiotu z orzeczeniem stosujemy:

1. w pytaniach, np.:

Is John sitting in the garden?

Do you like travelling?

2. po następujących słowach i wyrażeniach, np.:

seldom

little

nowhere (else)

*only by**

not (even) once

only then

only in this way

*not until/till**

no sooner...than

hardly...when

not only...but (also)

scarcely...when

in no circumstances

*only after**

*only when**

barely...when

rarely

not since

never (before)

*only if**

on no account

under no circumstances

in no way

*No sooner **had she left** her house than it started to rain heavily.*

*Never before **have I read** such an interesting book.*

Little did I know that my neighbour was my father.

***inwersja występuje w zdaniu głównym, czyli nadrzędnym, np.:**

*Only after she had moved to London **was she able to** speak English fluently.*

*Only if you take this medicine **will you feel** better.*

3. po *so*, *neither*, *nor*, *as*, aby wyrazić zgodność, np.:

She speaks French fluently. So do I.

*He didn't drink yesterday. Neither did she. / Nor did she.
He was an excellent football player, as was his father.*

4. w trybach warunkowych, kiedy nie występuje *if*, np.:

Should she come, I'll be happy.

Were I you, I wouldn't marry her.

Had I seen that, I would have reported that to the police.

5. po czasownikach określających ruch, w przypadku kiedy poprzedza je okolicznik miejsca, np.:

On the stairs sat a young girl.

There lands the plane.

Up the hill climbed the two young men.

Ćwiczenie 1

Zastosuj inwersję.

1. She had no sooner entered the classroom than the teacher started to shout at her.

No sooner...

2. I have never seen such a beautiful woman.

Never...

3. They not only left their course books at home, but they arrived late.

Not only...

4. I learnt English only after living in London for several years.

Only after...

5. The teachers didn't know that the student was a drug trafficker.

Little...

6. They had barely got out of gaol when they committed a heinous crime.

Barely...

7. Students aren't allowed to smoke at school on any account.
On no...
8. She has not once said good morning to her teacher.
Not once...
9. We realised only then that we had lost our car keys.
Only then...
10. I had scarcely received a bunch of roses when they faded.
Scarcely...
11. I haven't smoked since 2000.
Not since...
12. He shouldn't go out with that girl under any circumstances.
Under no...
13. She had hardly got into the car when she bumped into a tree.
Hardly...
14. He has seldom been to such a poor country.
Seldom...
15. You'll get an A if you study hard.
Only if...
16. We didn't go to that pub until it was midnight.
Not until...
17. He only left the office when his boss allowed him.
Only when his...
18. There is no way he can reason with her.
In no way...
19. She rarely left her house when she lived in Saudi Arabia.
Hardly ever...
20. They could only enter for the exam by bribing the teacher.
Only by...