

INVERSIONS

1. *If a phrase in bold is correct, put a tick. If it is incorrect, rewrite it correctly.*

- a) Hardly I had sat down when the doorbell rang.
- b) Scarcely had Julian finished writing when the teacher told the students to put their pens down.
- c) We had barely set off on our journey when the kids started asking when we would get there.
- d) No sooner the government changes the tax laws than businesses find a way around them.
- e) Scarcely they had finished painting the house when it started to rain. 6 Hardly the new computer system had been installed when it started to go wrong.
- f) It's true that no sooner we had started eating than we realised we had forgotten the potatoes.
- g) Barely had the politician started to speak when began the crowd to boo.
- h) Hardly the new park was finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
- i) Scarcely Keith had arrived in Argentina when he was arrested.

2. *Complete using the words and phrases in the box.*

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| at no point • in no way • little • never • not • not only only after • on no account • rarely • under no circumstances |
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- a) were the security guards to blame for what happened.
- b) once did the old woman thank me for helping her.
- c) seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to leave hospital.
- d) will passengers be allowed to carry more than 6 kg of hand luggage.
- e) were you late, but you also forgot to bring the correct documents.
- f) during the meeting did anyone mention that the managing director was planning to leave.
- g) did the passengers know that the driver was really an undercover police officer.
- h) do you meet anyone as charming as Mr Beeching.
- i) should unaccompanied children be allowed to enter the area.
- j) before has the company found itself facing such stiff competition.

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3. Complete using the words in bold with the verb in the correct form.

- a) Not until the area is made safe (construction / can continue)
- b) In no way..... (the announcement / affect) how strongly we felt about the situation.
- c) Seldom (you / see) a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
- d) Not only (Jerry / forget) my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
- e) At no time (I / ask) my opinion on the subject.
- f) Only when (I / checked) the ticket again did I realise that I had won first prize!
- g) Little (Caroline / realise) that I had a big surprise planned for her.
- h) Under no circumstances (you / should sign) a contract you haven't read thoroughly.
- i) At no stage (it / appear) likely that Wilkinson would win the championship.
- j) Only if the weather is clear (the space shuttle / will allow) to launch.