**“Inversions” After Negative Adverbials**

Nejenom že jste hyperaktivní, ale taky jste neposlušní.

Not only ~~you are hyperactive~~ ☹

Not only *are you hyperactive*, but you are also disobedient.

Negative adverbial + *question word order* ☺

Nejenom, ze je zmetek, ale taky je škaredý .

Not only *is he a jerk*, but he is also ugly.

**Optional inversions:**

Never have I seen such a mess. =

I have never seen such a mess.

Only once in my life have I seen snow. =

I have seen snow only once in my life.

**Unavoidable inversions:**

Not only

Under no circumstances will we accept late applications.

Scarcely/barely/no sooner *had I arrived* when my house panther attacked me.

Scarcely had I managed to save up enough for the new I-phone 18, when I learned that it was sold out.

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| *hardly (…when)* | **Hardly** had the new law been introduced **when** the mistake was realised. |
| *scarcely (…when)* | **Scarcely** had I opened the front door **when** I heard a noise from the kitchen.  |
| *barely (…when)* | **Barely** had we solved one problem **when** another one arose.  |
| *no sooner (…than)* | **No sooner** had the alarm gone off **than** the police arrived.  |
| *only* | **Only** in an emergency should you dial 999.  |
| *only after* | **Only after** I had checked that the burglars had left did) call the police.  |
| *only when* | **Only when** we agree what measures are needed will we be able to solve the problem.  |
| *not until* | **Not until** the next election will we know how the public feel about this news. |
| *at no time / point / stage* | **At no point** did I realise that he was the Prime Minister. |
| *in no way* | **In no way** does this decision represent a change in government policy.  |
| *little* | **Little** did Ralph know that the burglar was still inside his house.  |
| *never* | **Never** have I heard such a ridiculous suggestion!  |
| *not* | **Not** one vote did the proposal receive.  |
| *not only (…but also / too)* | **Not only** has this government failed **but** it has **also** stolen ideas from other parties.  |
| *on no account* | **On no account** should you try to tackle a burglar yourself.  |
| *rarely* | **Rarely** do the newspapers present a balanced view of current events.  |
| *seldom* | **Seldom** do people leaving prison stay out of trouble. |
| *under no circumstances* | **Under no circumstances** will we accept an increase in working hours. |