

“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, že 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.

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