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LAW OF INVERSION



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INVERSION

It happens when we invert the normal order of the sentence.

Inversion in Conditional Sentences

The Structure is :

Should/had + clause 1 + comma (,) + clause 2

When we talk about a present choice and its future consequence.



Example

- **Had** I known about the draft beer, I would have bought it instantly.
- **Had** he helped me with the lamb leg , I wouldn't have cut my hand.
- **Should** you want to be thin, you must eat food that has low sugar and salt.
- **Should** you want excellent quality meat, you must buy only from this shop.
- **Were** children not to digest what they eat, they usually would have stomachache.



Inversion after Negative and Restrictive Expressions

Negative or restrictive expressions can appear at the beginning of a sentence.

Commonly used restrictive expressions are: barely, hardly, in/under no circumstances, little, never, no sooner.... than, not till/until, only after, only if, rarely, scarcely, seldom...

The structure is:

Negative/Restrictive expression + auxiliary verb + subject + verb...



If we use the expressions *only after*, *only if*, *not till/until* at the beginning of a sentence, inversion takes place in the main clause.

The structure is:

Negative/Restrictive expression + clause + auxiliary verb + subject + verb + ...

NOTE: Inversion is **not** used after *not far*.



- **Hardly** had I finished the heavy food when they brought the dessert.
- **Little** does she know about the breastfeeding.
- **No sooner** had we finished the first course **than** we started to eat the second one.
- **Not until** everyone had taken a seat at the table **did we start** eating.
- **Only after** I drank the milk **did I realize** that it had gone bad.



QUESTIONS

- 1.** Barely Jolly had reached the place when Jim started arguing with him.
- 2.** No sooner had the doctor come than the patient started recovering.
- 3.** The teacher had scarcely seen the student when he started studying.
- 4.** Scarcely the police had seen the culprit when he started fleeing away.
- 5.** Barely had Robin entered the room when Tom started shouting.

