

Use of English C1: inversión y registro

Ficha 1 de 4 · Recognise the form

LA REGLA

Una expresión negativa o restrictiva antepuesta puede invertir el auxiliar y el sujeto: Never have I seen; Only then did we learn. En condicionales formales, Had I known y Should you need sustituyen if. No sooner se empareja con than; hardly/scarcely, con when. La inversión da énfasis y depende del género: cartel, relato, discurso o correo formal; una charla común suele preferir el orden ordinario.

¡Ojo! — el fallo típico. No basta con anteponer never: Never I have seen es incorrecto. Tampoco se intercambian than y when en las parejas fijas.

1

Elige una prohibición para un reglamento formal.

- ☐ Under no circumstances visitors should enter the store room.
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2

Para charlar con un amigo, elige la frase natural.

- ☐ Never have I seen your cat so calm.
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3

Elige la fórmula correcta para un correo formal.

- ☐ Should you need any further details, please contact us.
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- ☐ Should you will need any further details, please contact us.

4

El informe llegó después de la votación: elige la frase con only after.

- ☐ Only after the vote the report did arrive.
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5 Clasifica A–H: ¿qué patrón dispara la inversión de la principal?

A. Never have we received such a request. · B. Only then did the figures make sense. · C. We have never received such a request. · D. Rarely does this office close early. · E. Only after the meeting did she reply. · F. She replied only after the meeting. · G. Under no circumstances should it be opened. · H. The figures only made sense later.

fronted negative	fronted only	no inversion
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6 Completa con una palabra.

Never I seen the gallery so crowded.

7 Completa con una palabra.

Rarely the chair agree on the first draft.

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- 5 fronted negative: A. Never have we received such a request., D. Rarely does this office close early., G. Under no circumstances should it be opened. · fronted only: B. Only then did the figures make sense., E. Only after the meeting did she reply. · no inversion: C. We have never received such a request., F. She replied only after the meeting., H. The figures only made sense later.
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