

Use of English C1: inversión y registro

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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 la secuencia correcta con no sooner.

- ☐ No sooner had we sat down when the alarm rang.
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2

Elige la secuencia correcta con hardly.

- ☐ Hardly had the lecture begun when the lights failed.
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3

Reformula una condición pasada irreal sin if.

- ☐ Had I would known, I would have called.
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4

Elige un titular que use not only con la inversión correcta.

- ☐ Not only was the train late, but it was cancelled.
- ☐ Not only the train was late, but it was cancelled.
- ☐ Not only did the train was late, but it was cancelled.

5 Clasifica A–F según el registro más adecuado.

A. Under no circumstances should this gate be left open. · B. Never had she heard the harbour so quiet. · C. I've never seen the harbour this quiet. · D. Should you require assistance, call this number. · E. Hardly had he crossed the bridge when it began to snow. · F. I didn't know you needed help.

formal notice	literary narrative	everyday speech
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6 Une cada inicio con la continuación gramatical.

I would have checked the date. · did the staff identify the source. · had the archive opened at night. · please contact the desk.

Never before	
Only then	
Should you need help,	
Had I known,	

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- 5 formal notice: A. Under no circumstances should this gate be left open., D. Should you require assistance, call this number. · literary narrative: B. Never had she heard the harbour so quiet., E. Hardly had he crossed the bridge when it began to snow. · everyday speech: C. I've never seen the harbour this quiet., F. I didn't know you needed help.
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