

Use of English C1: inversión y registro

Ficha 3 de 4 · Match the patterns

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 Clasifica A–F: ¿el hueco exige than, when o ninguna de las dos?

A. No sooner had I arrived ___ the phone rang. · B. Hardly had I arrived ___ the phone rang. · C. Only then did I notice the note ___ lay on the table. · D. Scarcely had the film begun ___ the alarm sounded. · E. No sooner had the film begun ___ the alarm sounded. · F. Never had the room ___ so bright.

than	when	neither
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2 Une cada contexto con la formulación de registro adecuado.

I've never seen that film. · Never had she felt so far from home. · Should you wish to attend, please reply. · Under no circumstances should the door be blocked.

A safety sign	
A chat with a friend	
A formal invitation	
A fictional memory	

3 Une cada primera cláusula con su conector y cierre.

but it also omitted the source. · did the team publish the list. · than the queue began to move. · when the lights went out.

No sooner had the doors opened	
Hardly had the doors opened	
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- 1 than: A. No sooner had I arrived ___ the phone rang., E. No sooner had the film begun ___ the alarm sounded. · when: B. Hardly had I arrived ___ the phone rang., D. Scarcely had the film begun ___ the alarm sounded. · neither: C. Only then did I notice the note ___ lay on the table., F. Never had the room ___ so bright.
- 2 A safety sign → Under no circumstances should the door be blocked. · A chat with a friend → I've never seen that film. · A formal invitation → Should you wish to attend, please reply. · A fictional memory → Never had she felt so far from home.
- 3 No sooner had the doors opened → than the queue began to move. · Hardly had the doors opened → when the lights went out. · Only after the check → did the team publish the list. · Not only was the claim inaccurate, → but it also omitted the source.