

Use of English C1: inversione e registro

Scheda 1 di 4 · Recognise the form

LA REGOLA

Un'espressione negativa o restrittiva iniziale può invertire ausiliare e soggetto: Never have I seen; Only then did we learn. Nei periodi ipotetici formali, Had I known e Should you need sostituiscono if. No sooner si abbina a than; hardly/scarcely a when. L'inversione dà enfasi e dipende dal genere: avviso, racconto, discorso o email formale; una conversazione comune tende a preferire l'ordine normale.

Attenzione! — l'errore tipico. Non basta mettere never all'inizio: Never I have seen è scorretto. Non si scambiano neppure than e when nelle coppie fisse.

1

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

Scegli la formula corretta per una email formale.

- ☐ Should you need any further details, please contact us.
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4

Il rapporto arrivò dopo la votazione: scegli la frase con only after.

- ☐ Only after the vote the report did arrive.
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5 **Classifica A–H: quale schema provoca l'inversione nella principale?**

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.

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