

Use of English C1: inversione e registro

Scheda 2 di 4 · Choose the context

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

Scegli la sequenza corretta con no sooner.

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

Scegli la sequenza corretta con hardly.

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

3

Riformula una condizione passata irreali senza if.

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

Scegli un titolo che usi not only con l'inversione corretta.

- ☐ 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 Classifica A–F in base al registro più adatto.

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 Collega ogni inizio alla continuazione grammaticale.

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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- 1 Scegli la sequenza corretta con no sooner. → No sooner had we sat down than the alarm rang.
- 2 Scegli la sequenza corretta con hardly. → Hardly had the lecture begun when the lights failed.
- 3 Riformula una condizione passata irreali senza if. → Had I known, I would have called.
- 4 Scegli un titolo che usi not only con l'inversione corretta. → Not only was the train late, but it was cancelled.
- 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.
- 6 Never before → had the archive opened at night. · Only then → did the staff identify the source. · Should you need help, → please contact the desk. · Had I known, → I would have checked the date.