EXERCISES

Never have I

1 Complete the sentences with inversion.

1 Never _____ (I / see) such a long line at the airport.

2 Rarely _____ (we / eat) dinner before eight.

3 Seldom _____ (my boss / praise) anyone in meetings.

4 Never _____ (I / hear) such a ridiculous excuse.

5 Not only _____ (she / speak) French, but she also speaks German.

6 Not only _____ (they / miss) the train, but they also lost their luggage.

7 Hardly _____ (I / sit) down when my phone rang.

8 No sooner _____ (we / arrive) at the beach than it started to rain.

9 Little _____ (I / know) that she was my new boss.

10 Only when I got home _____ (I / realize) that I had lost my keys.

2 Rewrite the beginning of each sentence without "if".

1 If you need any help, call me.
_____ any help, call me.

2 If I had known about the delay, I would have taken a later flight.
_____ about the delay, I would have taken a later flight.

3 If you have any questions, please contact our office.
_____ any questions, please contact our office.

4 If we had left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the show.
_____ earlier, we wouldn't have missed the show.

5 If the package arrives damaged, let us know.
_____ damaged, let us know.

6 If she had asked me, I would have helped her.
_____ me, I would have helped her.

7 If I were you, I would talk to HR.
_____ you, I would talk to HR.

8 If they hadn't called, we would have waited all night.
_____ called, we would have waited all night.

9 If you change your mind, just send me an email.
_____ your mind, just send me an email.

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3 Circle the correct option.

1 Not only _____ late, but he also forgot the documents. he was / was he / did he was

2 Rarely _____ such good service in a restaurant. we get / do we get / we do get

3 No sooner had I paid the bill _____ I saw the sale sign. when / than / that

4 Hardly had we started the meeting _____ the power went out. when / than / then

5 Little _____ that the company was about to close. we knew / we did know / did we know

6 Only after the meeting _____ how serious the problem was.
did I understand / I understood / I did understand

7 _____ you need a ride to the airport, just let me know. Should / Would / Had

8 _____ I known it was your birthday, I would have bought you a gift. If / Had / Should

9 Never _____ so much snow in April. I have seen / have I seen / I saw

4 Choose the correct sentence.

1
a) Never I have been to Asia.
b) Never have I been to Asia.
c) Never have been I to Asia.

2
a)
Not only did we lose the game, but we also lost our best player.
b)
Not only we lost the game, but we also lost our best player.
c)
Not only lost we the game, but we also lost our best player.

3
a) Had I knew, I would have called you.
b) Had I known, I would have called you.
c) Had I know, I would have called you.

4
a) Only then I realized my mistake.
b) Only then realized I my mistake.
c) Only then did I realize my mistake.

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4 Choose the correct sentence.

5 a)
Should you have any problems, call our help desk.
b)
Should you to have any problems, call our help desk.
c)
Should you having any problems, call our help desk.

6 a)
Hardly I had closed the door when the doorbell rang.
b)
Hardly had I closed the door when the doorbell rang.
c)
Hardly had closed I the door when the doorbell rang.

5 Put the words in order.

1 traffic / seen / such / bad / jam / I / have / Never / a / .

2 Rarely / work / on / do / weekends / I / .

3 did / she / that / was / his / know / sister / Little / I / .

4 then / Only / I / the / did / problem / understand / .

5 when / rang / sat / had / phone / Hardly / the / I / down / .

6 started / raining / it / sooner / arrived / we / than / No / had / .

7 notice / the / I / got / Only / when / home / did / I / mistake / .

8 dinner / we / do / Seldom / have / together / .

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6 **Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

1 Never I have eaten such good pizza.

2 Not only does she sings, but she also plays the piano.

3 Hardly had I left the office than it started to snow.

4 No sooner had we ordered when the food arrived.

5 Little I did know about his plans.

6 Had I know about the party, I would have come.

7 Should you needed more information, please call us.

8 Only when she called I did understand the situation.

9 Rarely does we go out on weeknights.

YOUR LIFE

7 **Write about surprises and rare moments in your life.**

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LITTLE DID I KNOW...