

# LESSON 167

## 971 Emphasis: Inversions after negative or limiting adverbials

Some examples of negative adverbials are: "not only", "no sooner", "never", "by no means", and "under no circumstances".

Some examples of limiting adverbials are: "rarely", "hardly", "barely", and "little".

Sometimes we put adverbials like these at the start of a sentence in order to emphasize their meaning. When we do this, we need to use an inversion, or, in other words, we use the same form and word order as we would use for questions, even though we are not asking a question.

For example, instead of saying "I have never met such a rude man", we can emphasize the idea of "never" by saying "Never have I met such a rude man". Notice that, even though this sentence is not a question, we say "have I met" rather than "I have met". Another example of an inversion is "Hardly had I walked into my office when the phone started ringing". This means that the phone started ringing immediately after I walked into my office.

●K, I'm going to give you two or three words, and I want you to make a sentence starting with those words.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_ Not only can she speak  
French but she can also speak German

Under no circumstances ... Under no circumstances  
should you press this red button!

No sooner ... No sooner had she graduated from  
university than she found a fantastic job

972 And now, make the following sentences more emphatic by using an inversion, please:

I had barely sat down when the cat jumped onto my lap     Barely had I sat  
down when the cat jumped onto my lap

He isn't a friend of mine by any means      By no means is he a friend of mine  
She rarely calls her parents these days      Rarely does she call  
her parents these days

Mary had no idea that we had arranged a party for her birthday  
Little did Mary know that we  
had arranged a party for her birthday

## margin

Do you make notes in the margin of your Student's Book?      Yes, ... ~ No, ...

## stand a chance

## participate

In a major sporting competition such as the Olympics, do you think it's  
important for everyone participating to believe they stand a chance of  
winning?      Yes, in a ... ~ No, in a ...

## sell out

How do you feel when you go to buy something you've really been  
looking forward to getting and discover that the shop has sold out?  
When I go ..., I feel disappointed and frustrated

## 973 call in

## call by

The phrasal verb "call in" means "visit briefly", but notice the following  
difference in structure: we call in on someone, whereas we call in at a  
place.

We can also call by (at) a place.

Give me an example of "call in on", please.      John was off sick, so I called  
in on him to check if he needed anything

Do you often call in at your local supermarket on your way home after  
school (or work)?      Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why might someone need to call by (at) their office even though it's their  
day off?      Someone might need ...

Would you prefer a job where you had a regular routine or one where your tasks varied from day to day? I'd prefer ...

**break up**

**asset**

When a married couple break up, do you think their assets should always be divided equally in the divorce? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

**uneasy**

Why do many people feel uneasy when they think about the future of the planet? Many

**district**

**continent**

**settlement**

What's generally the difference between the words "district" and "region"?  
The difference ... is that "district" is generally used to describe a distinct part of a city for official reasons, whereas "region" is generally used to describe a distinct part of a larger area such as a country, continent, or even the world.

Where were the first English settlements on the continent of North America: on the east coast or the west coast? The first ... on the east coast

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**grocer**

**greengrocer**

**specialize**

What's the difference between a grocer and a greengrocer?

The difference ... a grocer sells all kinds of food and everyday household goods, whereas a greengrocer specializes in selling fruit and vegetables.

**try out**

**try on**

**hi-fi**

**speaker**

**accessory**

Which of these sentences is correct: "He tried out the hi-fi speakers before buying them" or "He tried on the hi-fi speakers before buying them"?  
"He tried out ..." is correct.

Why?

Because "try on" is only used when we're talking about clothes, and accessories such as hats, items of jewellery etc.

So give me an example of "try on", please.

I tried on the hat  
but it looked absurd!

### Wordpool 1: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

<b>doll</b>	<b>knuckle</b>	<b>tram</b>	<b>glove</b>	<b>calendar</b>
<b>fringe</b>	<b>spark</b>	<b>fountain</b>	<b>chapter</b>	<b>pirate</b>
<b>cable</b>	<b>tractor</b>	<b>peach</b>	<b>moustache</b>	<b>diagram</b>

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- 1 Every \_\_\_\_\_ on Donald's right hand felt sore after the boxing match.
  - 2 Do you want to try a \_\_\_\_\_? They're very sweet, and from our own garden.
  - 3 I can explain my plan by drawing a simple \_\_\_\_\_ if you prefer.
  - 4 His career as a \_\_\_\_\_ came to a sudden and violent end.
  - 5 You drive the \_\_\_\_\_, but go slowly; I'll be behind you on the cart with the apples.
  - 6 Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ is rather long; you can hardly see her eyes.
  - 7 The climate's so dry that it only takes a single \_\_\_\_\_ to start a fire.
  - 8 The children kept cool by splashing around in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
  - 9 I have no idea where this \_\_\_\_\_ goes. It just seems to disappear into the ceiling.
  - 10 This is my favourite \_\_\_\_\_ because it's got a blue and yellow dress, just like mine!

- 11 There's a \_\_\_\_\_ that runs quite regularly from here to the city centre
- 12 The main character isn't introduced until the seventh \_\_\_\_\_, which is unusual.
- 13 According to my \_\_\_\_\_, your birthday's on a Saturday this year.
- 14 I didn't recognize him at all: he's shaved his \_\_\_\_\_ off!
- 15 If you see a \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere, tell me: I've lost one and it's freezing outside.