Inversion

Inversión para dar énfasis · inglés formal y escrito

NIVEL C1

¿PARA QUÉ SIRVE?

Dar énfasis
Never have I seen such a view.

Escritura formal
Rarely do we receive complaints.

Condicional sin if
Had I known, I would have come.

Narrar con fuerza
No sooner had we arrived than it rained.

CÓMO SE ARMA

1. Expresión negativa + auxiliar + sujeto + verbo
   Never have I felt so tired.
2. Only + momento + auxiliar + sujeto + verbo
   Only then did I understand.
3. Not only + aux + sujeto ... but also
   Not only did she win, but she also broke the record.
4. Had / Should / Were + sujeto ...
   Should you need help, call us.

NORMAL → CON INVERSIÓN

I have never seen it.	Never have I seen it.
I understood only later.	Only later did I understand.
If I had known...	Had I known...
If you need help...	Should you need help...
If I were rich...	Were I rich...

Sin auxiliar, usa **do / does / did**: *Rarely does he call.*

EXPRESIONES QUE LA ACTIVAN

Frecuencia
never · rarely · seldom

Tiempo
hardly... when · no sooner... than

Only
only then · only when · only after

Prohibición
under no circumstances · on no account

Little = no tener idea
Little did they know that it was a trap.

CUÁNDO USARLA

En **escritos formales**, ensayos (IELTS, Cambridge C1), discursos y para **dar énfasis**.

En una conversación casual suena exagerada: *Never have I eaten pizza* suena a película. En el día a día: *I've never eaten pizza.*

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Truco de Canela: se arma como una pregunta, pero sin signo de pregunta: **Never have I...** lleva el mismo orden que **Have I...?**

ERRORES COMUNES

~~Never I have seen it.~~ → Never have I seen it.
~~Only then I understood.~~ → Only then did I understand.
~~Rarely he calls.~~ → Rarely does he call.
~~No sooner we arrived than...~~ → No sooner had we arrived than...
~~Not only she sings, but...~~ → Not only does she sing, but...

TU TURNO

1. Never _____ I _____ (see) such a beautiful place.
2. Rarely _____ she _____ (complain).
3. _____ I known, I would have helped.
4. Only after the meeting _____ we _____ (realise) the problem.
5. No sooner _____ we _____ (arrive) than it started to rain.

Respuestas: 1. have (o had) / seen · 2. does (o did) / complain · 3. Had · 4. did / realise · 5. had / arrived