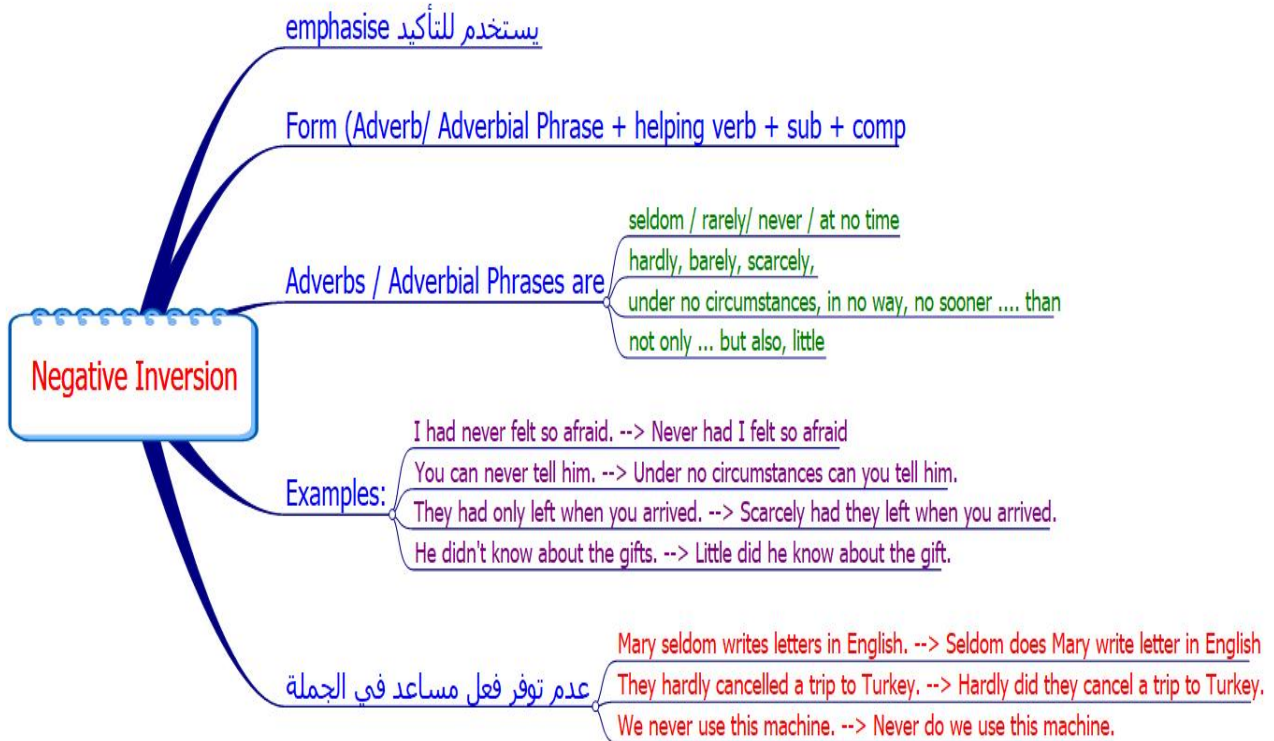


## Negative Inversion



### 3 Rewrite the sentences without changing their meaning. (SB 45)

1. They had only just left when the house exploded.  
**Scarcely** \_\_\_\_\_
2. You should not approach the animal, which is dangerous.  
**Under** \_\_\_\_\_
3. As well as winning the race, she also broke a world record.  
**Not only** \_\_\_\_\_
4. He didn't imagine that his friend was a spy!  
**Little** \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences. (WB 37)

1. At no time (*is / it is*) the use of such language acceptable.
2. Not only (*did I feel / felt I*) relaxed, but also happy and safe.
3. Under no circumstances (*I will ever / will I ever*) do that again.
4. Seldom (*I had seen / had I seen*) such a lucky escape.
5. Little (*did they know / they did know*) that I had more money in my back pocket.
6. Scarcely (*the tickets had gone / had the tickets gone*) on sale when they were sold out.



**2 USE OF ENGLISH Choose the correct words a-c to complete the text. (WB 37)**

1. a. he arrived b. did he arrive c had he arrived	4. a they'd begun b. had they begun c. they began
2. a. would he b. he would c. were he	5. a. Not only my father is b. My father is not only c. Not only is my father
3. a. Little they did know b. Little did they know c. Little they were known	

**A LUCKY ESCAPE**

While travelling in Thailand in 2001, my dad and his friends had a very lucky escape. He was at a station hoping to catch a train to Bangkok. He joined the queue for tickets, but no sooner 1 \_\_\_\_\_ at the ticket window than he was told that the train was full. According to the clerk, under no circumstances 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and his travelling companions be able to travel to Bangkok that day as planned, as the next available seats were not until the following day. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ how lucky they were.

Disappointed, the group left the station, went for some food and then later found a cheap hotel for the night. Once in their hotel room, they switched on the TV news, and hardly 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to watch when they realised what a lucky escape they had had. That afternoon, there had been a terrible storm and some rocks had fallen onto the railway line. The train hit the rocks and crashed. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ lucky to be alive, but, as I wouldn't be living today without him, so am I.

**3 Correct the sentences. (WB 37)**

- No sooner Ibrahim arrives at work than people start knocking on his office door.  
**No sooner does Ibrahim arrive at work than people start knocking on his office door.**
- At no circumstances are students allowed to take exam papers out of the room.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In no way this article represents my views.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Scarcely the film had started when members of the audience began to walk out of the cinema.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets and an appropriate auxiliary verb. (WB 37)**

- Barely had we arrived (we/arrived/barely) when dinner was served.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (left/no/they/sooner) the hostel than it started to rain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (only/it/not) the worst holiday we'd ever had, but also the most expensive!
- \_\_\_\_\_ (in/way/saying/I/no) it is your fault, but we do need to find a solution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (rarely/felt/I) so unwelcome at someone's house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (imagine/Tareq/little) that Samer was actually working for the police.