Inversión negativa y condicional

Negative emphasis

Cuando una expresión negativa va al principio, el verbo de ayuda suele ir delante de la persona. Así damos más fuerza a la idea.

Ejemplos / Examples

Never have we seen such a clear view. / Nunca habíamos visto una vista tan clara. Had I known, I would have called. / Si lo hubiera sabido, habría llamado.

Rewrite each sentence using the stated opening. Keep the meaning and verb tense.

Reescribe cada oración con el comienzo indicado. Conserva el significado y el tiempo verbal.

01. Tú nunca has recibido tantas respuestas útiles.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: You have never received so many helpful replies.

02. Ella nunca ha encontrado la estación completamente vacía.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: She has never found the station completely empty.

03. Él nunca ha oído una explicación tan convincente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: He has never heard such a convincing explanation.

04. Nosotros nunca hemos visitado una isla tan tranquila.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: We have never visited such a peaceful island.

05. Ellos nunca han probado una salsa tan sabrosa.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: They have never tasted such a rich sauce.

06. Nuestro equipo nunca ha experimentado un cambio tan repentino.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: Our team has never experienced such a sudden change.

07. El guía nunca ha conocido a un instructor más paciente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The guide has never met a more patient instructor.

08. Mis vecinos nunca han sufrido tantos retrasos.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: My neighbours have never faced so many delays.

09. El nuevo director nunca ha visto una fotografía más nítida.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The new director has never seen a clearer photograph.

10. Yo nunca he leído un informe tan detallado.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: I have never read such a detailed report.

11. Tú pocas veces llegas antes del amanecer.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: You seldom arrive before sunrise.

12. Ella pocas veces usa la entrada lateral.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: She seldom uses the side entrance.

13. Él pocas veces descansa durante las reuniones.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: He seldom takes breaks during meetings.

14. Nosotros pocas veces comprobamos las cifras dos veces.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: We seldom check the figures twice.

15. Los visitantes no deben entrar en el laboratorio sin permiso.
Rewrite with Under no circumstances: Visitors should never enter the laboratory without permission.

16. Él no sabía que la sala se había reservado dos veces.
Rewrite with Little did: He did not know that the room had been booked twice.

17. Él no solo diseñó la portada, sino que también escribió la introducción.
Rewrite with Not only at the beginning: He not only designed the cover but also wrote the introduction.

18. Los empleados no deben dejar las bolsas junto a la salida de emergencia.
Rewrite with Under no circumstances: Employees should never leave bags beside the emergency exit.

19. Yo no sabía que faltaban los archivos.
Rewrite with Little did: I did not know that the files were missing.

20. Ellos no solo revisaron la lista de invitados, sino que también prepararon las acreditaciones.
Rewrite with Not only at the beginning: They not only checked the guest list but also prepared the name badges.

Continue / Continúa

21. El equipo reinició la máquina solo después de que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Only after: The team restarted the machine only after the manager had given the go-ahead.

22. Los visitantes entraron en la galería solo después de que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Only after: The visitors entered the gallery only after the final approval had come through.

23. Los pasajeros subieron al tren solo después de que el equipo recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Only after: The passengers boarded the train only after the team had received the instructions.

24. La cafetería abrió sus puertas solo después de que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Only after: The café opened its doors only after all the arrangements had been confirmed.

25. Tú te sentaste a comer y, justo entonces, sonó el teléfono.
Rewrite with Scarcely: You had just sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. Ella cerró la puerta principal y, justo entonces, alguien llamó al timbre.
Rewrite with No sooner: She had just closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. Él empezó la presentación y, justo entonces, el proyector dejó de funcionar.
Rewrite with Scarcely: He had just started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. Nosotros llegamos al andén y, justo entonces, el tren se puso en marcha.
Rewrite with No sooner: We had just reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. Los jugadores empezaron el partido solo después de que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Only after: The players started the match only after the manager had given the go-ahead.

30. La oficina envió los pagos solo después de que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Only after: The office sent the payments only after the manager had given the go-ahead.

31. Si tú hubieras consultado el panel de salidas, tú habrías cogido el tren anterior.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If you had checked the departure board, you would have caught the earlier train.

32. Si ella hubiera leído el aviso de seguridad, ella habría evitado la zona restringida.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If she had read the safety notice, she would have avoided the restricted area.

33. Si él hubiera guardado el documento antes de cerrar el portátil, él habría conservado los últimos cambios.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If he had saved the document before closing the laptop, he would have kept the latest changes.

34. Si nosotros hubiéramos salido diez minutos antes, nosotros habríamos llegado puntual a la reunión.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If we had left ten minutes earlier, we would have reached the meeting on time.

35. Si tú cambiaras la fecha de la reunión, avisaríamos a todo el mundo.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Were: If you were to change the meeting date, we would notify everyone.

36. Si ella cambiara el evento, el local devolvería la señal.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Were: If she were to cancel the event, the venue would refund the deposit.

37. Si él cambiara la reunión a internet, enviaríamos un enlace nuevo.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Were: If he were to move the meeting online, we would send a new link.

38. Si alguien encontrara unas llaves, entrégalas en recepción.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If anyone should find a set of keys, hand them in at reception.

39. Si la impresora dejara de funcionar, reinicia el aparato.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the printer should stop working, restart the device.

40. Si empeorara el tiempo, se aplazará la caminata.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the weather should worsen, the walk will be postponed.

Answer key / Soluciones

Complete transformations. The inversion trigger and auxiliary are shown in bold. / Transformaciones completas. El activador y el auxiliar aparecen en negrita.

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02. Never has she found the station completely empty.

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07. Never has the guide met a more patient instructor.

08. Never have my neighbours faced so many delays.

09. Never has the new director seen a clearer photograph.

10. Never have I read such a detailed report.

11. Seldom do you arrive before sunrise.

12. Seldom does she use the side entrance.

13. Seldom does he take breaks during meetings.

14. Seldom do we check the figures twice.

15. Under no circumstances should visitors enter the laboratory without permission.

16. Little did he know that the room had been booked twice.

17. Not only did he design the cover, but he also wrote the introduction.

18. Under no circumstances should employees leave bags beside the emergency exit.

19. Little did I know that the files were missing.

20. Not only did they check the guest list, but they also prepared the name badges.

21. Only after the manager had given the go-ahead did the team restart the machine.

22. Only after the final approval had come through did the visitors enter the gallery.

23. Only after the team had received the instructions did the passengers board the train.

24. Only after all the arrangements had been confirmed did the café open its doors.

25. Scarcely had you sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. No sooner had she closed the front door than someone rang the bell.

27. Scarcely had he started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. No sooner had we reached the platform than the train pulled away.

29. Only after the manager had given the go-ahead did the players start the match.

30. Only after the manager had given the go-ahead did the office send the payments.

31. Had you checked the departure board, you would have caught the earlier train.

32. Had she read the safety notice, she would have avoided the restricted area.

33. Had he saved the document before closing the laptop, he would have kept the latest changes.

34. Had we left ten minutes earlier, we would have reached the meeting on time.

35. Were you to change the meeting date, we would notify everyone.

36. Were she to cancel the event, the venue would refund the deposit.

37. Were he to move the meeting online, we would send a new link.

38. Should anyone find a set of keys, hand them in at reception.

39. Should the printer stop working, restart the device.

40. Should the weather worsen, the walk will be postponed.