Inversión negativa y condicional

Choosing the pattern

Mira la primera expresión. Ella te indica si hay que cambiar el orden del verbo.

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. Nosotros nunca hemos conocido a un instructor más paciente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: We have never met a more patient instructor.

02. Ellos nunca han sufrido tantos retrasos.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: They have never faced so many delays.

03. Nuestro equipo nunca ha visto una fotografía más nítida.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: Our team has never seen a clearer photograph.

04. El guía nunca ha leído un informe tan detallado.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The guide has never read such a detailed report.

05. Mis vecinos nunca han recibido tantas respuestas útiles.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: My neighbours have never received so many helpful replies.

06. El nuevo director nunca ha encontrado la estación completamente vacía.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The new director has never found the station completely empty.

07. Yo nunca he oído una explicación tan convincente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: I have never heard such a convincing explanation.

08. Tú nunca has visitado una isla tan tranquila.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: You have never visited such a peaceful island.

09. Ella nunca ha probado una salsa tan sabrosa.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: She has never tasted such a rich sauce.

10. Él nunca ha experimentado un cambio tan repentino.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: He has never experienced such a sudden change.

11. Nosotros rara vez llegamos antes del amanecer.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: We rarely arrive before sunrise.

12. Ellos rara vez usan la entrada lateral.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: They rarely use the side entrance.

13. El nuevo ayudante rara vez descansa durante las reuniones.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The new assistant rarely takes breaks during meetings.

14. Los supervisores rara vez comprueban las cifras dos veces.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The supervisors rarely check the figures twice.

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

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

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

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

19. El gerente no sabía que faltaban los archivos.
Rewrite with Little did: The manager did not know that the files were missing.

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

Continue / Continúa

21. La cafetería no abrió sus puertas hasta que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Not until: The café did not open its doors until the manager had given the go-ahead.

22. El técnico no encendió el sistema hasta que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Not until: The technician did not switch on the system until the final approval had come through.

23. El público no ocupó sus asientos hasta que el equipo recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Not until: The audience did not take their seats until the team had received the instructions.

24. Los cocineros no sirvieron la comida hasta que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Not until: The cooks did not serve the meal until all the arrangements had been confirmed.

25. Nosotros nos sentamos a comer y, justo entonces, sonó el teléfono.
Rewrite with Hardly: We had just sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. Ellos cerraron la puerta principal y, justo entonces, alguien llamó al timbre.
Rewrite with Barely: They had just closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. Los invitados empezaron la presentación y, justo entonces, el proyector dejó de funcionar.
Rewrite with Hardly: The guests had just started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. El conductor llegó al andén y, justo entonces, el tren se puso en marcha.
Rewrite with Barely: The driver had just reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. La oficina envió los pagos solo después de que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Only after: The office sent the payments only after all the arrangements had been confirmed.

30. Nosotros servimos la cena solo después de que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Only after: We served dinner only after all the arrangements had been confirmed.

31. Si nosotros hubiéramos consultado el panel de salidas, nosotros habríamos cogido el tren anterior.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If we had checked the departure board, we would have caught the earlier train.

32. Si ellos hubieran leído el aviso de seguridad, ellos habrían evitado la zona restringida.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If they had read the safety notice, they would have avoided the restricted area.

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

34. Si el equipo hubiera salido diez minutos antes, el equipo habría llegado puntual a la reunión.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If the team had left ten minutes earlier, the team would have reached the meeting on time.

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

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

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

38. Si un visitante llegara después del cierre, pídele que espere fuera.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If a visitor should arrive after closing time, ask them to wait outside.

39. Si se retrasara tu paquete, consulta la página de seguimiento.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If your parcel should be delayed, check the tracking page.

40. Si se apagaran las luces, sigue la ruta señalizada.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the lights should go out, follow the marked route.

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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03. Never has our team seen a clearer photograph.

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06. Never has the new director found the station completely empty.

07. Never have I heard such a convincing explanation.

08. Never have you visited such a peaceful island.

09. Never has she tasted such a rich sauce.

10. Never has he experienced such a sudden change.

11. Rarely do we arrive before sunrise.

12. Rarely do they use the side entrance.

13. Rarely does the new assistant take breaks during meetings.

14. Rarely do the supervisors check the figures twice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. Not until the manager had given the go-ahead did the café open its doors.

22. Not until the final approval had come through did the technician switch on the system.

23. Not until the team had received the instructions did the audience take their seats.

24. Not until all the arrangements had been confirmed did the cooks serve the meal.

25. Hardly had we sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. Barely had they closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. Hardly had the guests started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. Barely had the driver reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. Only after all the arrangements had been confirmed did the office send the payments.

30. Only after all the arrangements had been confirmed did we serve dinner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Should a visitor arrive after closing time, ask them to wait outside.

39. Should your parcel be delayed, check the tracking page.

40. Should the lights go out, follow the marked route.