Inversión negativa y condicional

Formal emphasis

Estas formas dan énfasis y aparecen sobre todo en textos formales. Fíjate en la palabra que empieza la frase.

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. Nuestro equipo nunca ha recibido tantas respuestas útiles.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: Our team has never received so many helpful replies.

02. El guía nunca ha encontrado la estación completamente vacía.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The guide has never found the station completely empty.

03. Mis vecinos nunca han oído una explicación tan convincente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: My neighbours have never heard such a convincing explanation.

04. El nuevo director nunca ha visitado una isla tan tranquila.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The new director has never visited such a peaceful island.

05. Yo nunca he probado una salsa tan sabrosa.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: I have never tasted such a rich sauce.

06. Tú nunca has experimentado un cambio tan repentino.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: You have never experienced such a sudden change.

07. Ella nunca ha conocido a un instructor más paciente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: She has never met a more patient instructor.

08. Él nunca ha sufrido tantos retrasos.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: He has never faced so many delays.

09. Nosotros nunca hemos visto una fotografía más nítida.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: We have never seen a clearer photograph.

10. Ellos nunca han leído un informe tan detallado.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: They have never read such a detailed report.

11. El nuevo ayudante rara vez llega antes del amanecer.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The new assistant rarely arrives before sunrise.

12. Los supervisores rara vez usan la entrada lateral.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The supervisors rarely use the side entrance.

13. Mis vecinos rara vez descansan durante las reuniones.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: My neighbours rarely take breaks during meetings.

14. Los trabajadores del turno de noche rara vez comprueban las cifras dos veces.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The night-shift workers rarely check the figures twice.

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

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

17. Mis vecinos no solo diseñaron la portada, sino que también escribieron la introducción.
Rewrite with Not only at the beginning: My neighbours not only designed the cover but also wrote the introduction.

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

19. La tripulación no sabía que faltaban los archivos.
Rewrite with Little did: The crew did not know that the files were missing.

20. El guía no solo revisó la lista de invitados, sino que también preparó las acreditaciones.
Rewrite with Not only at the beginning: The guide not only checked the guest list but also prepared the name badges.

Continue / Continúa

21. El público no ocupó sus asientos hasta que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Not until: The audience did not take their seats until the manager had given the go-ahead.

22. Los cocineros no sirvieron la comida hasta que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Not until: The cooks did not serve the meal until the final approval had come through.

23. Los corredores no empezaron la carrera hasta que el equipo recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Not until: The runners did not begin the race until the team had received the instructions.

24. Los solicitantes no presentaron sus formularios hasta que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Not until: The applicants did not submit their forms until all the arrangements had been confirmed.

25. Los invitados se sentaron a comer y, justo entonces, sonó el teléfono.
Rewrite with Barely: The guests had just sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. El conductor cerró la puerta principal y, justo entonces, alguien llamó al timbre.
Rewrite with Hardly: The driver had just closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. El gerente empezó la presentación y, justo entonces, el proyector dejó de funcionar.
Rewrite with Barely: The manager had just started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. Los niños llegaron al andén y, justo entonces, el tren se puso en marcha.
Rewrite with Hardly: The children had just reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. Los jugadores empezaron el partido solo después de que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Only after: The players started the match only after the final approval had come through.

30. La oficina envió los pagos solo después de que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Only after: The office sent the payments only after the final approval had come through.

31. Si el guía hubiera consultado el panel de salidas, el guía habría cogido el tren anterior.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If the guide had checked the departure board, the guide would have caught the earlier train.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Si se apagaran las luces, utiliza la iluminación de emergencia.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the lights should go out, use the emergency lighting.

39. Si sonara la alarma, no utilices el ascensor.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the alarm should sound, do not use the lift.

40. Si un pasajero perdiera el enlace, conserva el billete original.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If a passenger should miss the connection, keep the original ticket.

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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11. Rarely does the new assistant arrive before sunrise.

12. Rarely do the supervisors use the side entrance.

13. Rarely do my neighbours take breaks during meetings.

14. Rarely do the night-shift workers check the figures twice.

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

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

17. Not only did my neighbours design the cover, but they also wrote the introduction.

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

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

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

21. Not until the manager had given the go-ahead did the audience take their seats.

22. Not until the final approval had come through did the cooks serve the meal.

23. Not until the team had received the instructions did the runners begin the race.

24. Not until all the arrangements had been confirmed did the applicants submit their forms.

25. Barely had the guests sat down to eat when the phone rang.

26. Hardly had the driver closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. Barely had the manager started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. Hardly had the children reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. Only after the final approval had come through did the players start the match.

30. Only after the final approval had come through did the office send the payments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Should the lights go out, use the emergency lighting.

39. Should the alarm sound, do not use the lift.

40. Should a passenger miss the connection, keep the original ticket.