Inversión negativa y condicional

Time and sequence

Not until, **only after**, **hardly** y **no sooner** indican el orden de los hechos y cambian el orden de 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. El guía nunca ha oído una explicación tan convincente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The guide has never heard such a convincing explanation.

02. Mis vecinos nunca han visitado una isla tan tranquila.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: My neighbours have never visited such a peaceful island.

03. El nuevo director nunca ha probado una salsa tan sabrosa.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The new director has never tasted such a rich sauce.

04. Yo nunca he experimentado un cambio tan repentino.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: I have never experienced such a sudden change.

05. Tú nunca has conocido a un instructor más paciente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: You have never met a more patient instructor.

06. Ella nunca ha sufrido tantos retrasos.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: She has never faced so many delays.

07. Él nunca ha visto una fotografía más nítida.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: He has never seen a clearer photograph.

08. Nosotros nunca hemos leído un informe tan detallado.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: We have never read such a detailed report.

09. Ellos nunca han recibido tantas respuestas útiles.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: They have never received so many helpful replies.

10. Nuestro equipo nunca ha encontrado la estación completamente vacía.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: Our team has never found the station completely empty.

11. Los supervisores pocas veces llegan antes del amanecer.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: The supervisors seldom arrive before sunrise.

12. Mis vecinos pocas veces usan la entrada lateral.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: My neighbours seldom use the side entrance.

13. Los trabajadores del turno de noche pocas veces descansan durante las reuniones.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: The night-shift workers seldom take breaks during meetings.

14. Yo pocas veces compruebo las cifras dos veces.
Move Seldom to the beginning and invert: I seldom check the figures twice.

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

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

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

18. Los miembros del personal no deben dejar las bolsas junto a la salida de emergencia.
Rewrite with Under no circumstances: Staff members should never leave bags beside the emergency exit.

19. Los organizadores no sabían que faltaban los archivos.
Rewrite with Little did: The organisers did not know that the files were missing.

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

Continue / Continúa

21. Los cocineros sirvieron la comida solo después de que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Only after: The cooks served the meal only after the manager had given the go-ahead.

22. Los corredores empezaron la carrera solo después de que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Only after: The runners began the race only after the final approval had come through.

23. Los solicitantes presentaron sus formularios solo después de que el equipo recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Only after: The applicants submitted their forms only after the team had received the instructions.

24. Nosotros tomamos una decisión solo después de que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Only after: We made a decision only after all the arrangements had been confirmed.

25. El conductor se sentó a comer y, justo entonces, sonó el teléfono.
Rewrite with No sooner: The driver had just sat down to eat when the phone rang.

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

27. Los niños empezaron la presentación y, justo entonces, el proyector dejó de funcionar.
Rewrite with No sooner: The children had just started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

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

29. Nosotros servimos la cena solo después de que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Only after: We served dinner only after the final approval had come through.

30. El editor publicó el artículo solo después de que el personal recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Only after: The editor published the article only after the staff had received the instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Si sonara la alarma, sal por la salida más cercana.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the alarm should sound, leave by the nearest exit.

39. Si un pasajero perdiera el enlace, pregunta por el siguiente servicio.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If a passenger should miss the connection, ask about the next service.

40. Si el formulario estuviera incompleto, pide los datos que faltan.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the form should be incomplete, request the missing details.

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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07. Never has he seen a clearer photograph.

08. Never have we read such a detailed report.

09. Never have they received so many helpful replies.

10. Never has our team found the station completely empty.

11. Seldom do the supervisors arrive before sunrise.

12. Seldom do my neighbours use the side entrance.

13. Seldom do the night-shift workers take breaks during meetings.

14. Seldom do I check the figures twice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. Only after the manager had given the go-ahead did the cooks serve the meal.

22. Only after the final approval had come through did the runners begin the race.

23. Only after the team had received the instructions did the applicants submit their forms.

24. Only after all the arrangements had been confirmed did we make a decision.

25. No sooner had the driver sat down to eat than the phone rang.

26. Scarcely had the manager closed the front door when someone rang the bell.

27. No sooner had the children started the presentation than the projector stopped working.

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

29. Only after the final approval had come through did we serve dinner.

30. Only after the staff had received the instructions did the editor publish the article.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Should the alarm sound, leave by the nearest exit.

39. Should a passenger miss the connection, ask about the next service.

40. Should the form be incomplete, request the missing details.