Inversión negativa y condicional

Conditional forms

Para cambiar una condición, a veces quitamos **if** y ponemos **had**, **were** o **should** al principio.

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. Mis vecinos nunca han probado una salsa tan sabrosa.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: My neighbours have never tasted such a rich sauce.

02. El nuevo director nunca ha experimentado un cambio tan repentino.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The new director has never experienced such a sudden change.

03. Yo nunca he conocido a un instructor más paciente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: I have never met a more patient instructor.

04. Tú nunca has sufrido tantos retrasos.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: You have never faced so many delays.

05. Ella nunca ha visto una fotografía más nítida.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: She has never seen a clearer photograph.

06. Él nunca ha leído un informe tan detallado.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: He has never read such a detailed report.

07. Nosotros nunca hemos recibido tantas respuestas útiles.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: We have never received so many helpful replies.

08. Ellos nunca han encontrado la estación completamente vacía.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: They have never found the station completely empty.

09. Nuestro equipo nunca ha oído una explicación tan convincente.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: Our team has never heard such a convincing explanation.

10. El guía nunca ha visitado una isla tan tranquila.
Rewrite with Never at the beginning: The guide has never visited such a peaceful island.

11. Mis vecinos rara vez llegan antes del amanecer.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: My neighbours rarely arrive before sunrise.

12. Los trabajadores del turno de noche rara vez usan la entrada lateral.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: The night-shift workers rarely use the side entrance.

13. Yo rara vez descanso durante las reuniones.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: I rarely take breaks during meetings.

14. Tú rara vez compruebas las cifras dos veces.
Move Rarely to the beginning and invert: You rarely check the figures twice.

15. Los miembros del personal no deben entrar en el laboratorio sin permiso.
Rewrite with Under no circumstances: Staff members should never enter the laboratory without permission.

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

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

18. El público no debe dejar las bolsas junto a la salida de emergencia.
Rewrite with Under no circumstances: The public should never leave bags beside the emergency exit.

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

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

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21. Los corredores no empezaron la carrera hasta que el gerente dio luz verde.
Rewrite with Not until: The runners did not begin the race until the manager had given the go-ahead.

22. Los solicitantes no presentaron sus formularios hasta que llegó la aprobación final.
Rewrite with Not until: The applicants did not submit their forms until the final approval had come through.

23. Nosotros no tomamos una decisión hasta que el equipo recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Not until: We did not make a decision until the team had received the instructions.

24. El equipo no reinició la máquina hasta que se confirmaron todos los preparativos.
Rewrite with Not until: The team did not restart the machine until all the arrangements had been confirmed.

25. El gerente se sentó a comer y, justo entonces, sonó el teléfono.
Rewrite with Hardly: The manager had just sat down to eat when the phone rang.

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

27. Yo empecé la presentación y, justo entonces, el proyector dejó de funcionar.
Rewrite with Barely: I had just started the presentation when the projector stopped working.

28. Tú llegaste al andén y, justo entonces, el tren se puso en marcha.
Rewrite with Hardly: You had just reached the platform when the train pulled away.

29. Los excursionistas continuaron la caminata solo después de que el personal recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Only after: The hikers continued the walk only after the staff had received the instructions.

30. Los jugadores empezaron el partido solo después de que el personal recibió las instrucciones.
Rewrite with Only after: The players started the match only after the staff had received the instructions.

31. Si los pasajeros hubieran consultado el panel de salidas, los pasajeros habrían cogido el tren anterior.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Had: If the passengers had checked the departure board, the passengers would have caught the earlier train.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Si un pasajero perdiera el enlace, avisa al personal de la estación.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If a passenger should miss the connection, tell the station staff.

39. Si el formulario estuviera incompleto, explica qué apartado falta.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If the form should be incomplete, explain which section is missing.

40. Si necesitaras más información, consulta la página informativa.
Rewrite without if, beginning with Should: If you should need further information, check the information page.

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 do my neighbours arrive before sunrise.

12. Rarely do the night-shift workers use the side entrance.

13. Rarely do I take breaks during meetings.

14. Rarely do you check the figures twice.

15. Under no circumstances should staff members enter the laboratory without permission.

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

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

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

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

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

21. Not until the manager had given the go-ahead did the runners begin the race.

22. Not until the final approval had come through did the applicants submit their forms.

23. Not until the team had received the instructions did we make a decision.

24. Not until all the arrangements had been confirmed did the team restart the machine.

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

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

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

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

29. Only after the staff had received the instructions did the hikers continue the walk.

30. Only after the staff had received the instructions did the players start the match.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38. Should a passenger miss the connection, tell the station staff.

39. Should the form be incomplete, explain which section is missing.

40. Should you need further information, check the information page.