Inversion (Part II)

Notice that if we put some **words** *or***phrases**(with a negative meaning in most cases) at the beginning of the sentence, inversion is required.

**Examples:**

It was ***only when my children arrived home safely*** that I **felt**relieved.

***Only when my children arrived home safely*** **did I feel** relieved.We **did** ***not know anything*** about what was going to happen to us next.***Little*** **did we know** about what was going to happen to us next.**I** ***well*** **remember**when I saw her for the first time.***Well*** **do I remember**when I saw her for the first time.***I was so happy*** that I arranged a big party. /***My happiness was such*** that I arranged a big party.***So happy*** **was I** that I arranged a big party. / ***Such*** **was my happiness** that I arranged a big party.I waited for you to come back ***many times***/***many a time***.***Many*** **is the time** (that) I waited for you to come back. /***Many a time*** **did I wait** for you to come back.

We had ***hardly/scarcely/barely*** started to watch the film ***when*** the light went off.***Hardly/Scarcely/Barely*** **had we** started to watch the film when the light went off.I felt much better ***after*** I took a sachet of this medicine. /**I had** ***no sooner*** **taken**a sachet of this medicine ***than*** I felt much better.***No sooner*** **had I taken** a sachet of this medicine ***than*** I felt much better.**Theyhad** ***no sooner*** **started**the engine than the car exploded/***Immediately*** **theystarted**the engine, the car exploded.***No sooner*** **had they started** the engine ***than*** the car exploded.**I was** ***no sooner*** **informed**of the facts ***than*** I took legal action. /***As soon as*** **I was informed**of the facts, I took legal action.***No sooner*** **was I informed** of the facts ***than*** I took legal action.***As soon as*** he sees a pretty girl, he asks her to go out with him. /**He** ***no sooner*** **sees**a pretty girl ***than*** he asks her to go out with him.***No sooner*** **does he see** a pretty girl ***than*** he asks her to go out with him.**They *not only*** **took** care of me, ***but*** (they) also treated me as if I were their own daughter.***Not only*** **did they take** care of me, ***but*** (they) also treated me as if I were their own daughter. ***If you should*** need a sun protection cream, please tell me.***Should you*** need a sun protection cream, please tell me.***If I were you***, I would try to fascinate her.***Were I*** you, I would try to fascinate her.***If they had confessed*** everything, they would have been expelled from school.***Had they confessed*** everything, they would have been expelled from school.