

1 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–I). There is one extra ending.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Not since I was a kid .../... | A do temperatures reach above 15 degrees here. |
| 2 Rarely do I take | B than we had to go back and get our passports. |
| 3 Never have I understood | C she was made to pay damages. |
| 4 Little did I know, | D agree to this crazy idea. |
| 5 No sooner had we left | E why people like pineapple on a pizza. |
| 6 Not until we saw the smoke, | F anything more than a backpack when I travel. |
| 7 Only during summer months | G did we realise that the house was actually on fire. |
| 8 No way is she going to | H James had organised a surprise birthday party for me. |
| | I have I eaten so much jelly. |

2 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

Little Never No sooner Not only Not since
Only when

- *Never* have I been so shocked in all my life.
- is it a beautiful city, it is also incredibly safe.
- did Julie realise that the thief was actually her best friend.
- the evidence is clear, should a person be found guilty.
- was he released from prison than he was immediately arrested again.
- medieval times had such an unusual crime been heard of.

3 Rewrite the sentences using inversion. Begin each sentence with a phrase in the box.

Little Never Not only Not since Only if
Only when Rarely Under no circumstances

- I would steal something if I was truly desperate.
..... *Only if I was truly desperate would I steal something.*
- Kelly didn't know that in six months' time they would be married.
.....
- Crime levels haven't been this low since 2004.
.....
- Nuria had never eaten so much cheese in her life.
.....
- Prisoners have access to the internet and they can also gain qualifications.
.....

- 6 You would rarely see these animals in the wild.
.....

- 7 I realised my mistake when I tried to lift the suitcase.
.....

- 8 I wouldn't shoplift under any circumstances.
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4 Cross out the mistakes in the sentences. Write the correct words. One sentence is correct.

- 1 ~~Never I will trust~~ that company again. *I will never trust*
- 2 Little did we realised that the worst problem was yet to come.
- 3 In no circumstances will the police charge them.
.....
- 4 Rarely these petty crimes will lead to a fine.
.....
- 5 Not only he went to prison, he had to pay back everything he stole.
- 6 Only after did the plane landed that I started to relax.
- 7 No sooner did I buy the bike that it got stolen.
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- 8 No way should you have got a ticket for parking there.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Add *he* if necessary.

announce commit decide fail have know
leave read wait x2

Some criminals are asking for trouble. When Shane Rivers, 22, ¹ *decided* to rob his local supermarket, not only ² to notice the security cameras filming him, he also ³ his intended crime on social media two hours earlier. After ⁴ the shop with £220 in cash, he ran straight to his car, where his girlfriend Elaine Lewis, ⁵ for him. Little ⁶ however, that the police ⁷ also with handcuffs, after ⁸ about Mr Rivers' intentions on social media. No sooner ⁹ the robbery than he was immediately caught. 'It was the easiest case we ¹⁰ ever', said Officer Gemma Barnes.

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- 2 F
- 3 E
- 4 H
- 5 B
- 6 G
- 7 A
- 8 D

The sentence ending not needed is C.

2

- 2 Not only
- 3 Little
- 4 Only when
- 5 No sooner
- 6 Not since

3

- 2 Little did Kelly know that in six months' time they would be married.
- 3 Not since 2004 have crime levels been this low.
- 4 Never in her life had Nuria eaten so much cheese.
- 5 Not only do prisoners have access to the internet, they can also gain qualifications.
- 6 Rarely would you see these animals in the wild.
- 7 Only when I tried to lift the suitcase did I realise my mistake.
- 8 Under no circumstances would I shoplift.

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- 2 ~~realised~~ realise
- 3 ~~in~~ Under
- 4 Rarely these petty crimes... Rarely **will** these petty crimes lead to...
- 5 ~~he went~~ did he go
- 6 Only after **the plane landed** did I **start** to relax.
- 7 ~~that~~ than
- 8 ✓

5

- 2 did he fail
- 3 announced
- 4 leaving
- 5 was waiting
- 6 did he know
- 7 were (also) waiting
- 8 reading
- 9 had he committed
- 10 have (ever) had