

1 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) and endings (A–H).

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| 1 Not since I was a kid
C | 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 have I eaten so much jelly. |
| 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. |

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Little / Never have I been so shocked in all my life.
- Not only / Not since is it a beautiful city, it is also incredibly safe.
- Only / Little did Julie realise that the thief was actually her best friend.
- Only when / Rarely the evidence is clear, should a person be found guilty.
- No sooner / Only after was he released from prison than he was immediately arrested again.
- Under no circumstances / Not since medieval times had such an unusual crime been heard of.

3 Rewrite the sentences using inversion.

- 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.
Little
- Crime levels haven't been this low since 2004.
Not since
- Nuria had never eaten so much cheese in her life.
Never in her life
- Prisoners have access to the internet and they can also gain qualifications.
Not only
- You would rarely see these animals in the wild.
Rarely
- I realised my mistake when I tried to lift the suitcase.
Only when
- I wouldn't shoplift under any circumstances.
Under no circumstances

4 Cross out the mistakes in the sentences. Write the correct words.

-  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.
- 8 No way you should have got a ticket for parking there.

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

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

1

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

2

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

3

- 2 did Kelly know that in six months' time they would be married.
- 3 2004 have crime levels been this low.
- 4 had Nuria eaten so much cheese.
- 5 do prisoners have access to the internet, they can also gain qualifications.
- 6 would you see these animals in the wild.
- 7 I tried to lift the suitcase did I realise my mistake.
- 8 would I shoplift.

4

- 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 ~~you should~~ should you

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