

1 Rewrite the sentences using inversion.

- The snakes were most terrifying of all.
Most terrifying of all were the snakes.
- We would rarely visit our grandparents.
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- He looked at his watch only when he crossed the finishing line.
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- A mountain lion weighing 80 kilos was on top of me.
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- To attempt the climb at night would be more challenging.
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- She not once thought about quitting.
.....

2 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box. There is one extra.

could I did he realise ~~did I know~~ did we reach
do I find had the sun risen have I understood
were they will you know

- Little *did I know*, danger was just around the corner for me.
- Never the attraction of going to inhospitable places.
- Not only the summit, we did it in record time.
- Sara couldn't stand the freezing temperatures and neither
- No sooner, than we packed up our tent and set off again.
- Rarely the time to go to the theatre.
- Only by pushing yourself to your limits what you are capable of.
- Not until his fingers went blue how much body heat he was losing.

3 Choose the correct options, then complete the sentence by inverting the verb and subject in brackets.

- Only when / Not since primary school *have I seen* snow like this. (I / see)
- Rarely / No sooner with each other, but, amazingly, we think the same. (we / agree)
- Never before / Not until such a ridiculous question. (I / be asked)
- No way / No sooner asleep than I was dreaming about boats and the sea. (I / fall)
- Only when / Only by I tried to lift the suitcase, just how heavy it was. (I / realise)

- Not once / Not only a helicopter, she can also pilot a speedboat. (Liz / fly)

- No way / Never in all my life such a charming person. (I / meet)

- Only by / Only until taking engine apart to see the extent of the damage. (we / be able)

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Some sentences are correct.

-  Not ~~only~~ it's overpriced, it's also ugly. *X only is it*
- More dangerous than that is the descent.
- Rarely we needed a coat.
- Under no circumstances we can tolerate rudeness here.
- Never before I felt so tired.
- At no time had she ever thought she might fail.
- I thought: No way they are safe those railings.
- Only under certain weather conditions would I attempt that.

5 Complete the sentences with so + an adjective in the box + be + subject pronoun.

beautiful bored fussy intelligent
narrow sharp ~~tall~~ tired

- So tall was he* that he frequently hit his head on doorframes.
- that we fell asleep without even getting undressed.
- that I couldn't stop taking photos of them.
- that I counted and folded all of my socks.
- that she went to university at the age of 16
- that it could cut through stone.
- that he wouldn't even eat bread.
- that you couldn't walk through it without getting stuck.

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- 2 Rarely would we visit our grandparents.
- 3 Only when he crossed the finishing line did he look at his watch.
- 4 On top of me was a mountain lion weighing 80 kilos.
- 5 More challenging would be to attempt the climb at night.
- 6 Not once did she think about quitting.

2

- 2 have I understood
 - 3 did we reach
 - 4 could I
 - 5 had the sun risen
 - 6 do I find
 - 7 will you know
 - 8 did he realise
- were they is extra*

3

- 2 Rarely do we agree
- 3 Never before have I been asked
- 4 No sooner had I fallen
- 5 Only when... did I realise
- 6 Not only can Liz fly
- 7 Never... have I met
- 8 Only by... were we able

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- 2 ✓
- 3 ✗ Rarely **did we need...**
- 4 ✗ ...**can we** tolerate...
- 5 ✗ ...before **have I felt...**
- 6 ✓
- 7 ✗ No way **are they** safe, those railings. No way **are those railings safe.**
- 8 ✓

5

- 2 So tired were we
- 3 So beautiful were they
- 4 So bored was I
- 5 So intelligent was she
- 6 So sharp was it
- 7 So fussy was he
- 8 So narrow was it