

1 Rewrite the sentences starting with the word or phrase in bold. Invert the subject and verb in every sentence.

- 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.
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2 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

could I did he realise ~~did I know~~
did we reach do I find had the sun risen
have I understood 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 to complete the sentences.

- Only when / Not since primary school have I seen snow like this.
- Rarely / No sooner do we agree with each other, but, amazingly, we think the same.
- Never before / Not until have I been asked such a ridiculous question.
- No way / No sooner had I fallen asleep than I was dreaming about boats and the sea.

- Only when / Only by I tried to lift the suitcase, did I realise just how heavy it was.
- Not once / Not only can Liz fly a helicopter, she can also pilot a speedboat.
- No way / Never in all my life have I met such a charming person.
- Only by / Only until taking engine apart were we able to see the extent of the damage.

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Three 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 + adjective + be + subject pronoun. Choose the appropriate adjective in brackets.

- So tall was he* that he frequently hit his head on doorframes. (short / tall)
- that we fell asleep without even getting undressed. (awake / tired)
- that I couldn't stop taking photos of them. (beautiful / dull)
- that I counted and folded all of my socks. (bored / busy)
- that she went to university at the age of 16. (intelligent / lazy)
- that it could cut through stone. (blunt / sharp)
- that he wouldn't even eat bread. (fussy / hungry)
- that you couldn't walk through it without getting stuck. (narrow / wide)

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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

3

- 2 Rarely
- 3 Never before
- 4 No sooner
- 5 Only when
- 6 Not only
- 7 Never
- 8 Only by

4

- 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