

INVERSION

- With conditionals

Only with : should, were, had

➤ **SHOULD**

EXAMPLES:

- ❖ If you should see him, invite him. =>

Should you see him, invite him.

- ❖ Should you not see her, it does not matter.
(APNHΣH)

➤ **WERE, WERE TO**

EXAMPLES:

- ❖ If I were you, I would go. =>

Were I you, I would go.

- ❖ If I were to go, I would buy a present. =>

Were I to go, I would buy a present.

- ❖ If I were not to find my wallet, I would worry. =>

Were I not to find my wallet, I would worry. (APNHΣH)

➤ **HAD**

EXAMPLES:

- ❖ If you had come, you would have seen him. =>

Had you come, you would have seen him.

- ❖ If I had not missed the train, I would have come. =>

Had I not missed the train, I would have come.

(APNHΣH)

- ❖ If I hadn't known about the tragic ending, I would have seen the film. (I knew about the tragic ending so I didn't see the film) =>

Had I not known about the tragic ending, I would have seen the film.

- With clauses of result (so that , such that).

eg So boring was the film that we fell asleep.

Such creativity did he show that his teachers advised him to become an artist.

- With:

Seldom eg I seldom see him->Seldom do I see him

Rarely

Little

Scarcely ... when

Hardly.... when

No sooner ...than

Hardly

Never

Nowhere

Never before

Not ... only

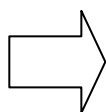
On no occasion

On no account

In/Under no circumstances

- With the expressions:

Only by Only when Only if Only after Not till/until



If these expressions are placed at the beginning of the sentence for emphasis, they cause the inversion of the main clause.

EXAMPLES:

He came in after the boss had left.=>

Only after the boss had left **did he come in.**

He answered the door only when he had made sure it was his sister => Only when he had made sure it was his sister **did he answer the door.**

He will forgive you only if you tell him the truth. =>
Only if you tell him the truth **will he forgive you.**

- To express agreements: **so, neither, nor, as.**

eg His friends liked him, as did his acquaintances.

- "I saw George yesterday"
- "So did I"

- "I `ve never been to Italy."
- "Neither /Nor have I"

- Adverbials of place (here, there, down, up, off, back, round, away, over etc).

eg Here comes the bride.

There stands the building!

Away marched the soldiers!

- After Direct speech if no adverb or indirect object follows the introductory verb.

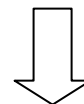
eg "This is how you should do it" said he.

"What a beautiful dress!" exclaimed the woman.

BUT:

This is how you should do it" she explained to me.

"Who broke the vase?" she asked angrily.



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