




**Unit 5 Lesson 1 - Never had I thought you would be leaving.**



Learn today's sentences.

### Grammar Focus

- Sentence Inversion
- Positive and Negative Agreement



### Key Expressions

- Neither can I.
- Never had I thought you would be leaving.

Listen to the teacher and repeat.



employment



departure



experienced



comfort zone



overseas



take shape

Aya resigns after 4 years of employment. Olivia heard of Aya's departure and came to her.

**Olivia:** I didn't know it until I saw the announcement. Aya, I just cannot believe you've worked here for four years and will resign soon.

**Aya:** **Neither can I.** I still remember our first meeting here.

**Olivia:** You were fresh from college then, but now you are an experienced senior graphic designer. How time flies!

**Aya:** I will always remember these days in the company. I think I'm really lucky to have the chance to work here.

**Olivia:** So do I. Therefore, **never had I thought you would be leaving.**

**Aya:** You know it's quite difficult to step out of my comfort zone. But I think it's time. My dream of working overseas is taking shape.

**Olivia:** Don't forget to share with me your interesting overseas experiences.

**Aya:** Sure! We must keep in touch with each other.





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## Sentence Inversion

Usually the subject and the verb are inverted.

### 1. Questions

**Is he** going to the party tonight?  
How fast **can you** run?


**Do you** believe the story?  
Why **will you** quit the job?

### 2. Sentences Starting with an Adverb Phrase

On the windowsill **were her two cats**, Penny and Percival.

On the chair **sits the president**.

Along the river bank **runs the road**.



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### 3. Sentences starting with a negative adverb (phrase)

Never **had she** read such a sad book as The Coldest Tear.

No sooner **had he** closed his eyes than his alarm clock rang.

Not only **do** I think it's expensive but also he.

Hardly

Little

Seldom

Not only ... but ...

Never

Rarely

Only then

### 4. Conditionals that omit the word "if" and use "had/ were/ should"

**Had I** arrived five minutes earlier, I wouldn't have missed the train. (If I had arrived ...)

**Should he** ask, tell him the reservations were made for Monday. (If he should ask ...)

### 5. Sentences with "so/ such ... that ..." can be inverted.

So difficult **was the test** that I failed to pass it.

Such **is the elegance** of this font that it is still a favorite of designers.

**Invert the sentences.**

1. You will rarely see someone using a typewriter these days.
2. She in no way can learn the guitar in just a few days.
3. I have never been more excited to watch a live concert.
4. The room was so dark that I didn't see anything.
5. He has never felt so embarrassed.

Learn the grammar structures.

## Positive and Negative Agreement

used to avoid unnecessary repetition of words.



### So + auxiliary + subject

- My brother can play soccer.
- So can I.



### Neither/ nor + auxiliary + subject

- He hasn't had lunch yet.
- Neither/ nor have I.

## Let's Practice

- Example: My little brother cannot swim.
- Neither can I.
- 1. She doesn't like fish.
- 2. I have never caught a cold in winter.
- 3. They will go shopping after work.
- 4. Sia will go home tomorrow. How about Dean?





**Situation:** You are talking with your colleague about the shocking news that the CEO is leaving. Use some inverted sentences.



Read what we learned today.



- **Word Focus**

- employment
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- **Grammar Focus**

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