

Basic English (5)



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.

Word Focus



Listen to the teacher and repeat.







departure



overseas



experienced



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.



Grammar



Learn the grammar.



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 Never
Little Rarely
Seldom Only then
Not only ... but ...

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.

Activity



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.

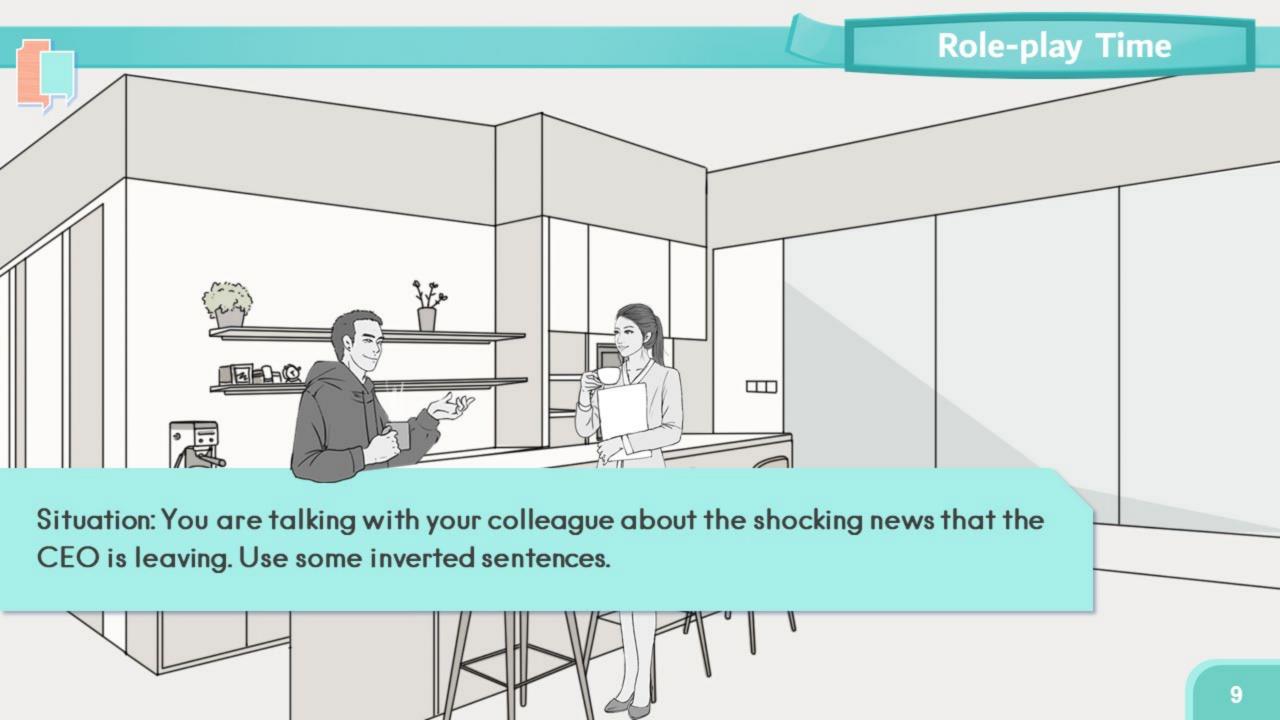


Neither/ nor + auxiliary + subject

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

Let's Practice

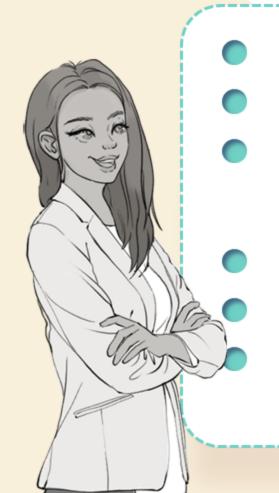
- Example: My little brother cannot swim.
- Neither can I.
 - 1. She doesn't like fish.
 - 2. I have never caught a cold in winter.
- They will go shopping after work.
- 4. Sia will go home tomorrow. How about
- Dean?



Summary



Read what we learned today.



Word Focus

employment comfort zone

departure overseas

experienced take shape

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