

Corrigé de l'inversion

Corrigé des exercices - niveau Terminale

Ce corrigé de l'inversion donne, exercice par exercice, la phrase attendue en gras. Les remarques rappellent les trois réflexes : adverbe en tête, auxiliaire avant le sujet, do ou did quand il n'y a pas d'auxiliaire.

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La correction détaillée

Le corrigé de l'inversion, série par série

Correction de l'exercice 1 : Repérer l'inversion

1. **have I**
2. **does she**
3. **did he**
4. **had we**
5. **should you**
6. **did they**

Correction de l'exercice 2 : Choisir la phrase correcte

1. **b** : l'auxiliaire have passe devant I.
2. **a** : sans auxiliaire, on ajoute does.
3. **a** : no sooner appelle than.
4. **b** : hardly appelle when.
5. **a** : did passe devant le sujet, puis base verbale.
6. **a** : inversion dans la principale après not until.

Réponses des exercices 3 à 4

Correction de l'exercice 3 : Never, rarely, seldom en tête

1. **Never have I heard such nonsense.**
2. **Rarely do we see such talent.**
3. **Seldom had she felt so lonely.**
4. **Never will they forget that day.**

5. **Rarely did he make mistakes.** Made redevient make après did.
6. **Hardly ever have I been so scared.**

Correction de l'exercice 4 : Not only... but also

1. **Not only is he a talented singer, but he also writes his own songs.**
2. **Not only does she speak Gaelic, but she also teaches it.**
3. **Not only did the storm destroy the roof, but it also flooded the cellar.**
4. **Not only have they lost the match, but they have also lost their captain.**
5. **Not only will the film entertain you, but it will also make you think.**

Réponses des exercices 5 à 6

Correction de l'exercice 5 : À peine... que

1. **No sooner had I closed my eyes than the alarm went off.**
2. **Hardly had the match started when it began to rain.**
3. **Scarcely had she hung up when the doorbell rang.**
4. **No sooner had the minister arrived than journalists surrounded him.**
5. **Barely had we left when the bridge collapsed.**

Correction de l'exercice 6 : Les expressions en no et little

1. **Under no circumstances must you open this envelope.**
2. **On no account should visitors feed the animals.**
3. **At no time did the suspect leave the house.**
4. **In no way is this decision a criticism of your work.**
5. **Little did I know that he was lying.** La négation not disparaît : elle est contenue dans no ou little.

Réponses des exercices 7 à 8

Correction de l'exercice 7 : Not until et only

1. **Not until I got home did I realise my mistake.**
2. **Only when the results came out did we understand the problem.**
3. **Only after you show your ticket can you enter.** (ou Only after you have shown your ticket can you enter.)
4. **Only then did he become famous.**
5. **Only by working hard can you succeed.**
6. **Only if he apologises will she forgive him.** L'inversion se fait dans la principale.

Correction de l'exercice 8 : Discours, l'urgence climatique

1. **This country has never faced such a challenge before.**
2. **Our rivers are polluted, and our forests are also disappearing.**
3. **I have seldom seen so many young people marching in the streets.**
4. **Twenty years ago, we did not imagine (we little imagined) that the climate would change so fast.**
5. **We cannot wait any longer under any circumstances.**
6. **We will protect the generations to come only by acting together.**

Comparez les deux versions : l'ordre neutre est clair mais plat, l'inversion donne au discours son rythme et sa solennité.

Réponses des exercices 9 à 10

Correction de l'exercice 9 : Correction d'erreurs

1. **Never have I seen such a mess.**
2. **Not only does she sing, but she also dances.**
3. **No sooner had we arrived than it started raining.**
4. **Hardly had he left when the phone rang.**
5. **Only when I saw her did I understand.**
6. **Seldom did she go out at night.**

Correction de l'exercice 10 : Traduction du français vers l'anglais

1. **Never had I been so frightened.**
2. **Not only did he arrive late, but he also forgot his file.**
3. **Hardly had we gone out when it started to rain.** (ou No sooner had we gone out than it started to rain.)
4. **Under no circumstances must you leave the room.** (ou On no account must you leave the room.)
5. **Only after he left did I understand.** (ou Not until he had left did I understand.)
6. **Little did I know (suspect) that he was lying.**

Réponses de l'exercice 11

Correction de l'exercice 11 : Production guidée

Exemple de réponse modèle, sur la protection des océans :

1. **Never have our oceans been so threatened.**
2. **Not only are fish stocks collapsing, but coral reefs are also dying.**
3. **No sooner had the new law been passed than companies found ways around it.**
4. **Under no circumstances should we accept more plastic in the sea.**
5. **Only by changing our habits will we save marine life.**

Correction de l'exercice 12 : Réécrire avec Never, Rarely, Hardly...

1. **Never have I felt so tired.**
2. **Rarely does she speak in public.**
3. **Hardly had they left when the storm broke.**
4. **Seldom does he travel abroad.**
5. **No sooner had we sat down than the phone rang.**
6. **Under no circumstances must you touch this button.**

Quand il n'y a pas d'auxiliaire (présent simple), on ajoute do/does/did : « Rarely does she speak ». Le verbe revient alors à la base verbale.

Correction de l'exercice 13 : Only + complément

1. **Only later did we realise the danger.**
2. **Only with this key can she open the door.**
3. **Only when it was too late did they find the truth.**
4. **Only after three lessons did I understand the rule.**
5. **Only on Mondays is he allowed to enter.**
6. **Only if you train hard will you win.**

L'inversion se fait dans la proposition principale, juste après le groupe introduit par *Only*.

Correction de l'exercice 14 : Le bon auxiliaire

1. **did**
2. **have**
3. **had**
4. **does**
5. **did**
6. **should**

Le temps de l'auxiliaire est celui de la phrase : prétérit → did, plus-que-parfait → had, présent perfect → have, présent simple → does.

Correction de l'exercice 15 : Inversion après un complément de lieu

1. **On the table lay a letter.**
2. **At the door stood a man.**
3. **Behind the hills rose the sun.**
4. **At the top of the hill stands a church.**
5. **Here comes the bus.**
6. **There comes the taxi.**

Ici, on inverse directement le sujet et le verbe, sans auxiliaire *do*. Avec un pronom sujet, on ne le fait pas (« Here he comes »).

Correction de l'exercice 16 : So... that et Such...

1. **So beautiful was the view that we stayed for an hour.**
2. **So loud was the noise that nobody could sleep.**
3. **So tired was she that she fell asleep at once.**
4. **So great was the surprise that he dropped his cup.**
5. **So long was the queue that we gave up.**
6. **Such was his anger that he left the room.**

L'adjectif suit *So* ; avec *Such was...*, on évoque directement l'intensité du nom.

Correction de l'exercice 17 : Si... → inversion

1. **Had I known, I would have called you.**
2. **Were she here, she would help us.**
3. **Should they need help, they can call us.**
4. **Had we left earlier, we would have caught the train.**
5. **Were he taller, he could play basketball.**
6. **Should you see Tom, tell him to call me.**

Cette inversion supprime *if* ; elle se fait seulement avec *had*, *were* et *should*.

Correction de l'exercice 18 : Remettre dans l'ordre

1. **Never have I seen such a film.**
2. **Rarely does she complain about the weather.**
3. **Hardly had the film begun when the power failed.**
4. **Not only did he win but he also broke a record.**
5. **Little did we realise the danger.**

Correction de l'exercice 19 : Terminer les phrases

Exemples de réponses :

1. **Never before had I seen such a huge crowd.**
2. **Not only did he forget my birthday, but he also lost my present.**
3. **Hardly had the lesson started when the fire alarm rang.**
4. **Under no circumstances should you share your password.**
5. **Little did she know that her friends were preparing a surprise.**

Toute suite logique est acceptée si l'inversion de la première partie est respectée (et « but also » pour la deuxième phrase).

Correction de l'exercice 20 : Décrire l'image

Exemple de réponse :

1. **Never have I seen such heavy rain.**
2. **Not only is he soaked, but he is also happy to be wearing his raincoat.**
3. **Little did he know that the rain would last all day.**

Vérifiez : mot de tête, auxiliaire, sujet, puis le reste. Toute production respectant l'inversion et le sens de l'image est acceptée.

Comment progresser après ce corrigé

Réécoutez ou relisez de grands discours et surlignez chaque inversion : vous verrez qu'elles arrivent aux moments forts, jamais en continu. Dans vos propres écrits, une ou deux inversions bien placées par essai suffisent ; vérifiez à chaque fois l'auxiliaire, le sujet et la base verbale après did.

Retour aux énoncés des exercices