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Inversion in English

Auxiliary
Modal verb **+** **Subject** **+** **(Main verb)**

E.g. Seldom **had Paco travelled** so long before.



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Normal use:

To give emphasis

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After **negative adverbial expressions:**

- Under no circumstances **can Paco** say he has seen better libraries.

After **adverbial expressions of place:**

- Round the corner **was the National Library of Australia.**

After **seldom, rarely, never, in comparisons:**

- Rarely **did he go** to a library but the one at the university.

After **hardly, scarcely, no sooner, when one thing happens after another.**

- Hardly **had he begun** to walk **when** he got lost.

After **adverbial expressions beginning with 'only' and 'not only'.**

- Not only **did he know** where to go but also what to do.

After **exclamations with here and there.**

- **Here comes Paco!**

Conditionals:

- **Had Paco known** that before he would have taken a plane (If Paco had known that before...)

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Multi-word verbs



verbs followed by a particle or two particles (adverb, preposition or adverb and preposition) which function as single verbs

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Multi-word verbs

	Particle	Examples
Prepositional verbs	Preposition	to complain about; to look at; to listen to; ...
Phrasal verbs	Adverb	to act out; to bring up; to break out; ...
Phrasal-prepositional verbs	Adverb + preposition	to be up to; to come up with; to get out of; to make off with...

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