

Greek Orthodox Patriarchate School

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Grammar Unit Four.

1. Negative inversion

We use negative inversion to add emphasis (special meaning) to a sentence.

negative adverbial + auxiliary verb + subject +verb+ clause

- 1. I had never seen the ocean before that day.

 Never had I seen the ocean before that day
- 2.I had hardly started eating when the bell rang.

 Hardly had I started eating when the bell rang

Some common adverbs and adverbial phrases are:

1. seldom/rarely/ never/at no time/in no way / no sooner

I have seldom seen anything more shocking.

Rarely/Seldom have I seen anything more shocking.

2. <u>hardly/ barely/scarcely when</u>



• The film had only just begun when people started to walk out.

Scarcely/Hardly/Barely had the film begun when people started to walk out.

No sooner had the film begun when people started to walk out.

3. under no circumstances +modal+ S+ v1 +clause

*You should not open the door under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances should you open the door.

*Students are not allowed to use their phones under any circumstanc

Under no circumstances are students allowed to use their phones.

يجب حذف اي كلمة تدل على النفي تكون جملة inversionمثبتة ولكنها منفية باستخدام phrases *He must not share his password under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances must he share his password.

4.not only ... but also ...

*She won the race, and she also broke a record.

Not only <u>did she win</u> the race, but she also broke a record.

استخدمنا Did she win بدل الفعل won

*He speaks English, and he also teaches it.

Not only does he speak English, but he also teaches it.

speaksبدل الفعل does she speakاستخدمنا

تذكر دائما نحذف اي

اداة نفي

*He is tall as well as attractive.Not only is he tall, but he is also attractive.

5. little (did I/they know/imagine ...)

*I knew very little that he was lying . OR I didn't know that he was lying. Little did I know that he was lying.

*They realized very little how dangerous it was. OR They didn't realize how dangerous it was.

Little did they realize how dangerous it was.

6. Only (when) / not until / only after

*I understood the lesson only when I finished reading the cha

انتبه نحذف ONLY انتبه نفی /WHEN

Not until I finished reading the chapter did I understand the lesson

*They left the house only when the rain stopped.

Not until the rain stopped did they leave the hous

Only (when) / not until / only after
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She didn't go to sleep until she finished her homework

Not until she finished her homework did she go to sleep.

8. Not once (did) ...

*He never complained.
Not once did he complain.

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*She did not forget her homework even once. OR She never forgot her homework.

Not once did she forget her homework.

Study the following table.

1The film had <mark>only just</mark> begun when people started to walk out. محنف only just	Scarcely/Hardly/Barely had the film begun when people started to walk out. OR No sooner had the film begun than people started to walk out.
2 I have seldom seen anything more shocking.	Rarely/Seldom have I seen anything more shocking.
3 He definitely didn't intend to offend anyone.	In no way had he intended to offend anyone
definitelyحذف	Did he intend to offend anyone.
4 He is tall as well as attractive.	Not only is he tall, but he is also attractive.
5 He had absolutely no intention of doing it again.	Under no circumstances would he do it again. under no circumstances + modal
6 They had no idea who he really was.	Little did they know who he really was.

Ex. In no way am I as tall as my father.

<u>Little</u> did we know about him when we hired him.

<u>Under no circumstances</u> should we allow this to happen.

<u>Rarely</u> did they speak to each other.

No sooner had the shop opened its doors that it went bankrupt.

خلاصة يتم حذف اي دلالة على الماضي مثل didn't , don't , doesn't خلاصة يتم حذف اي دلالة على الماضي مثل only just , definitely , not

Narrative tenses; Past Perfect Simple and Continuous

Talk or telling past events

1. Past Perfect Simple

Form = subject + had (not) + past participle

Function: We use the Past Perfect Simple to talk about:

1. The duration of states before a specific point in the past:

She <u>had been blind for 12 years when she started</u> her journey. Tom had prepared for his party before his brother arrived.

2.completed earlier actions with a relevance to the time of the story: When he arrived, the exam had started.

3.experiences that happened before a specific point in the past: By the time hedied, he had written a lot of letters.

Time expressions: before, after, as soon as by the time, because

Past perfect before / when simple past simple past as soon as /after / because past perfect

By the time +V.2, past perfect.

* We use by the time with past Perfect in the main (independent) clause.

By the time I arrived, my mother had finished preparing the dinner.

By 4 o'clock, Tom had finished all his emails.

Choose the correct answer from A,B,C & D

- 1.Tom _____ all his homework by three o'clock.
 - A. finishes B. finished C. has finished D. had finished

2.The train A. leaves B. left	•		
3.I articles A. had written B. wrot	•		
4.I was sick after I A. take B. took C.	a shower.		
5.By the time I A. arrives B. arrived			
6. I an email w	hen my laptop suddenly	/ stopped.*	
A) was sending	B) had sent	C) sending	D) was sent
4. Past Perfect Continuous	1 <u>.</u>		

The past perfect continuous is formed by using

S + had + been + present participle.

Time expressions:

1.(by / when or before) + simple past , past perfect continuous +for/since

You had been waiting there for more than two hours when she finally arrived.

2. all day .. all afternoon ... all week ... all night ...

Tom <u>had been training</u> all day

We use the past perfect continuous

- 1. to show that something started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.
- They had been talking for over an hour before Tony arrived.
- She had been working at that company for three years when it went out of business.
- How long had you been waiting to get on the bus?
- 2. To indicate that something took place without interruption for that period of time.

It had been raining all day and we were looking forward to a little bit of sun.

Choose the correct answer from A,B,C & D					
1.Meera had for two hours when she woke up terrified. A) had been sleeping B) had been sleeping D) had slept					
2. As soon as the head mistress had arrived, the National Anthem* A. played B. plays C. was played D. is played					
3. By the time we arrived, they had about the deal for an hour. A) been negotiating B) be negotiating C) been negotiated D) be negotiated					
4. By 10:00 am yesterday, I my exam. A. had finished B. finished C. have finished D. finish					
5. After they had travelled to China, they on a trip to Turkey. A) have went B) had been going C) went D) gone					
6. Ialready the letter before I posted it*. A) had - written B) will - be warren C) has - written D) have - written					
7. By the time I was 18, Ithe compulsory stage of education*. A) will have finished B) will be finished C) have finished D) had finished					
8.We building our house by the end of last year*. A) have completed B) complete C) had completed D) was completed					
9.Scientists the PC before the development of the lap top. A) has developed B) had developed C) were developing D) developing					
10.My mother was very tired; she all afternoon for a special family dinner.* A) is cooking B) has been cooking C) cooks D) had been cooking					
11.Mohammad his email before he started work. A) has checked B) checks C) had checked D) have checked					

12.I bought him a bicycle after he good		good marks in his ex	d marks in his exams.	
A) got	B) had gotten	C) has got	D) gets	
		in Amman for 2 ye	ars.	
A. have been living		B. had been living		
C. were living		D. will have been livi	D. will have been living	
14 I fo	r a long time, when it	suddenly began to rai	n. (not be, walk)	
A. had not been wa	•	B. have not been walking		
C. was not walking	.	D. will not have bee	_	
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15. I to g	get tickets for that p	olay for months before	e my friends finally	
A. have been tryin	g	B. had been trying		
C. was trying		D. will have been tr	ying	
16 My uncle	working at the co	ompany for five years v	when he got a	
promotion.*		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ee ger a	
A) is	B) have been	C) had been D)	will be	
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17. Jim called Jan	ne from his office. H	le came back home.		
The sentence which	n has a similar meaning	$_{ m I}$ to the one above is $_$		
A) Before Jane can	ne back home, Jim hac	l called him from his of	fice.	
B) Jim had called Jane from his office after he came back home.				
C) After Jane came back home , Jim had called him from his office.				
D) Before Jim had	called Jane from his c	office , he came back h	ome.	
18. Sofie finished	d her work. She wen	t to lunch.		
The sentence which has a similar meaning to the one above is				
A)Before Sofie had finished her work, she went to lunch.				
B) After Sofie had finished her work, she went to lunch.				
C)Sofie had gone to lunch after she finished her work				
D) Before Sofie ha	d gone to lunch ,she fi	nished her work		
	dishes . My mother e			
	_	to the one above is		
A) Before I had washed the dishes, my mother entered the kitchen.				
B) After my mother entered the kitchen, I had washed the dishes.				
C) My mother entered the kitchen before I had washed the dishes.				
D)I had washed the	z dishes before my mo	ther entered the kitch	ien.	

 20. Mohammad checked his emails, and then he started work. The sentence which has a similar meaning is
21. Salma arrived from the airport at 8 p.m., and then she checked into the
hotel at 9 p.m.
The sentence which has a similar meaning is
A) Salma had checked into the hotel before she arrived from the airport.
B) Salma had arrived from the airport before she checked into the hotel.
C) Before Salma had arrived, she had checked into the hotel.
D) Salma checked into the hotel before she had arrived.
22. Lana checked the spelling mistakes. After that, she typed the report.
The sentence which has a similar meaning is
A) Lana typed the report before she had checked the spelling mistakes.
B) Lana had typed the report before she checked the spelling mistakes.
C) Lana had checked the spelling mistakes before she typed the report.
D) Before Lana had typed the report, she checked the spelling mistakes.
23. First, Nasser added fresh herbs, salt and pepper. Secondly, he served the dish.
The sentence which has a similar meaning is
A) Nasser had added the ingredients before he served the dish.
B) Nasser had served the dish before he added the ingredients.
C) Nasser served the dish before he had added the ingredients.
D) Before Nasser had served the dish, he added the ingredients.
24. Tala took three English courses in the British Council, and then she went to
Britain to study medicine.
The sentence which has a similar meaning is
A) Tala had gone to Britain before she took three English courses.
B) Tala went to Britain before she had taken English courses.
C) Tala had taken three English courses before she went to Britain.
D) Before Tala had gone to Britain, she took English courses.