


What is inversion?

- A fun way to change word order for emphasis or style! 
- Common in formal writing, literature, and even some everyday speech!

What is Inversion?

- Inversion happens when we switch the usual word order of a sentence.
- Normally: Subject + Verb $\boxed{\rightarrow}$ Inversion: Auxiliary Verb + Subject
- Example: *I have never seen such a thing!*
 $\boxed{\rightarrow}$ *Never have I seen such a thing!*

When Do We Use Inversion?

1. After negative adverbs (never, rarely, seldom, little, hardly, etc.)
2. In conditional sentences (Type 3 and mixed conditionals)
3. After 'so' and 'such'
4. For dramatic effect! 😱

Negative Adverb Inversion

- Words like *never*, *seldom*, *hardly*, *rarely*, *little*, *only* can trigger inversion.
- Examples:
 - *Never have I seen such a beautiful sunset!*
 - *Seldom do we hear such inspiring stories!*



Inversion in Conditional Sentences

- In formal writing, we can drop *if* and invert the subject and auxiliary verb.
- Examples:
 - *If I had known, I would have helped.* →
Had I known, I would have helped.
 - *If she were here, she would agree.* →
Were she here, she would agree.

So & Such Inversion

- When *so* or *such* starts a sentence, we invert!
- Examples:
 - *So delicious was the cake that everyone wanted more!*
 - *Such was the noise that we couldn't hear each other!*

Why Use Inversion?

- Adds emphasis 
- Makes speech and writing more interesting 
- Common in stories, news reports, and speeches