

Inversion

Inversion occurs in several different structures. Can you use them correctly? Take a moment to do this exercise.

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2. She asked me what
thinking about.

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3. I wondered who

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4. What a lovely place

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5. How beautiful

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6. At no time aware of what was happening.

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7. Hardly arrived when trouble started.

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8. Never seen such a mess.

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9. Little what she was doing

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10. Only then what I had done.

did I understand

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11. Not only our money, but we were nearly kidnapped.

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did we lose

12. What a lovely morning!

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Answers

1. I wondered what time the show was starting.
2. She asked me what I was thinking about.
3. I wondered who had left the door open.
4. What a lovely place Shimla is!
5. How beautiful the flowers are!
6. At no time was he aware of what was happening.
7. Hardly had he arrived when trouble started.
8. Never have I seen such a mess.

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9. Little did she realize what she was doing.
10. Only then did I understand what I had done.
11. Not only did we lose our money, but we were nearly kidnapped.
12. What a lovely morning it is!