

## Inversion

# The use of verb before the subject in a sentence is called inversion.

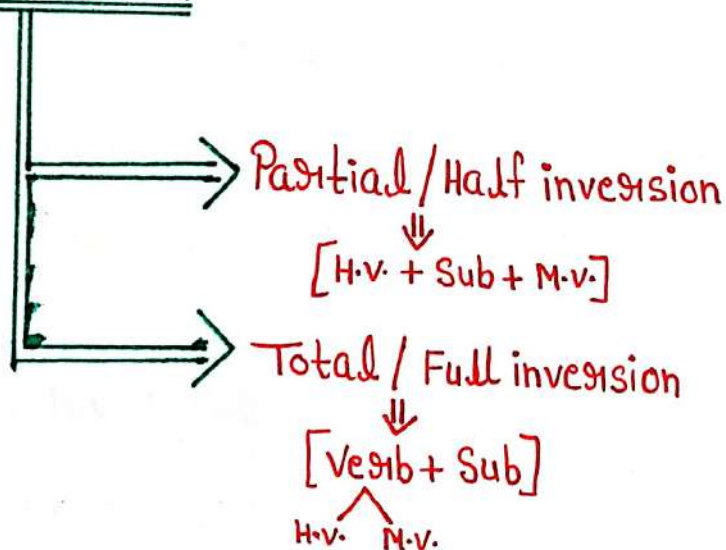
# It is of two kinds.

⇒ I never go there.

⇒ Never I go there. X

⇒ Never do I go there. ✓

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### # Partial inversion (subject - auxiliary inversion)

⇒ Kisi bhi sentence mein subject se pahle negative word ya negative phrase ka prayog kiya jaye to ese case mein helping verb ka prayog sentence mein subject se pahle kiya jata hain.

⇒ Negative adverbial expression :-

A) [negative word / phrase + H.V. + Sub + M.V.]

- i) hardly, scarcely, barely + H.V. + Sub + M.V. + When
- ii) No sooner + H.V. + Sub + M.V. + than
- iii) Seldom, rarely, never, never before (+ adverbs) + H.V. + Sub + M.V. ....
- iv) Little + H.V. + Sub + M.V. ....
- v) (Preposition + no + noun) + H.V. + Sub + M.V. ....
- vi) Not phrases (not + noun/adverb) e.g. not until, not for one moment, not + a + noun + H.V. + Sub + M.V.
- vii) Not only + H.V. + Sub + M.V. + but also
- viii) Neither + H.V. + Sub + M.V. + nor

B) Positive Sentence, So verb + Sub. (Tags)

(present indefinite) (H.V.)

⇒ Ram works hard, so does Radhika.

⇒ Manish came to the party, so did Manvi.

(past indefinite)

H) Conditionals  $\Rightarrow$  Conditional

I) .... comparison .... + As / Than ... (optional)

(In "as / than" comparison, don't invert in case of pronoun)

⇒ Manish works as hard as Manvi. ✓

⇒ Manish works as hard as Manvi does. ✓

⇒ Manish works as hard as does Manvi. ✓

# Total inversion (Subject - full verb inversion)  
(Never with pronouns) (Sub = Noun)

A) Adverb of place / motion / direction + Verb + Noun  
(Be verbs, position / movement verbs)  
(not with transitive verbs)

⇒ Be verbs (is, am, are, was, were)

⇒ position / movement verbs

↳ (live, lie, stand, sit, stroll, fly, hang, sleep, run, go, come, march etc.)

B) "Direct speech," Said + Noun

⇒ I had hardly entered the room when she pushed me.

a) Hardly I had entered the room ✗

b) I hardly had entered the room ✗

c) Hardly had I entered the room ✓

d) No alternative possible

⇒ I had no sooner looked / at her <sup>H.V.</sup> when / she recognised who I was. / No error

[no sooner ..... when] X

[no sooner ..... than] ✓

# Helping verb + negative words + Main verb

# Negative words + helping verb + Subject + Main verb

⇒ I call her seldom even when I need her the most.

a) I seldom call her ✓

b) Seldom I call her X

c) Seldom do I call her ✓

d) No improvement needed X

e) Both a & c ✓

⇒ Never before in the history of / India <sup>has</sup> there has been / good a doctor as is Mr. Sagor. / No error

[So / now / too / as / this / that + adjective + a / an + noun]

⇒ Little I <sup>did</sup> knew about her, / yet I agreed to meet her in / person for our first date. / No error.

[v<sup>2</sup>] → [did + v<sup>1</sup>]

⇒ Under no condition <sup>(-ve)</sup> I <sup>will</sup> will agree to meet / her in person because I believe she is as toxic as anyone could be. / No error

⇒ Not even for a moment <sup>(-ve)</sup> I <sup>did/do</sup> let my self affect much / by her presence in the room. / No error

[Let →  $v^1/v^2/v^3$ ]

⇒ Not until <sup>(-ve)</sup> August <sup>did</sup> the / government <sup>(v)</sup> order an / enquiry into the accident. / No error

⇒ Not a word <sup>(-ve)</sup> she <sup>has</sup> has said since she came into the conference room with her husband.

⇒ He not only agreed to my proposal but also forwarded it with his full support.

- a) He agreed not only X
- b) Not only <sup>H.V.</sup> he agreed X
- c) Not only did he agree ✓
- d) No alternative possible X

# I don't know Rahul, nor / neither does Ravi  
 ↳ Ravi doesn't either

i) nor/neither + H.V. + Sub

ii) Sub + H.V.+not + either

⇒ You don't pay attention to the teachers, nor <sup>do</sup> I <sup>(-ve)</sup> me.

- a) Nor I do ✗
- b) Nor do I ✓
- c) I do neither ✗
- d) No improvement ✗

⇒ Rahul has not come yet, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Neither Mamta ✗ (neither has Mamta)
- (b) or Mamta ✗
- (c) Nor Mamta has ✗
- (d) Mamta has not either ✗
- (e) Mamta hasn't either ✓

⇒ <sup>only + time</sup> Only <sup>has</sup> once <sup>sub</sup> in recent years, during / 2010, a town of this size has had to be / evacuated because of forest fires. / No error

⇒ <sup>only + prep + noun</sup> Only <sup>can</sup> by hard work you can / achieve what you want / to achieve in your life. / No error

⇒ Monika was such beautiful that everyone in the class wanted to be friends with her.

- a) Monika was so beautiful ✓
- b) No improvement ✗
- c) So beautiful was Monika ✓
- d) Both a & c ✓

⇒ So dangerous <sup>↑ did</sup> weather conditions <sup>→ become</sup> became / that all mountain roads were / closed for the next two weeks. / No error

⇒ So beautifully she talked to me that I fell in love with her there and then.

- a) She talked to me so beautifully ✓
- b) No improvement ✗
- c) So beautifully did she talk to me ✓
- d) Both a & c ✓

⇒ Such the success of her business was that Ishani was able to retire at the age of 50.

- a) Such was the success of her business ✓
- b) No improvement needed ✗
- c) So successful was her business ✓
- d) the success of her business was such ✓
- e) both a & c
- f) all a, c & d ✓

[Sub + Verb + Such]  
[Such + Verb + Sub]

⇒ Such the popularity of the movie is / that the theatres are likely to be full / every night for months. / No error

★ Such is the popularity of the movie..... ✓

★ The popularity of the movie is such..... ✓

⇒ To Such a degree <sup>did</sup> they tortured her that she died then and there.

- a) They tortured her to Such a degree ✓
- b) No improvement needed ✗
- c) To Such a degree did they torture her ✓
- d) Both a & c ✓

Adverb of place  
⇒ Above the fireplace a portrait of his wife was.  
<sub>prep.      obj.</sub>

- a) There was a portrait of his wife above the fireplace. ✓
- b) No improvement ✗
- c) A portrait of his wife was above the fireplace. ✓
- d) Above the fireplace was a portrait of his wife. ✓
- e) Both a & c
- f) All a, c & d ✓

[Adverb of place + Verb + Sub]

⇒ His father stood in the doorway, So I was afraid to go.

- a) In the doorway did his father stand 2 [full inversion nhi hain] ✗
- b) In the doorway stood his father ✓
- c) In the doorway his father stood ✗
- d) No alternative possible. ✗

⇒ Under the cot <sup>Sub</sup> a black and white cat is sitting.

- a) A black and white cat is sitting under the cot. ✓
- b) No improvements ✗
- c) Under the cot is a black and white cat sitting. ✗
- d) Under the cot is sitting a black and white cat. ✓
- e) Both a & c
- f) Both a & d ✓

Place / direction

⇒ Up <sup>went</sup> the balloon went / high in the sky as soon / as  
I let go of the string. / No error

[There lived a king]