# INVERSION

#### FORM: BE /MODAL/ AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT + VERB

A question is a common case of inversion

Has he packed his suitcase?

# After the following expressions

When they come at the beginning of a sentence.

- Seldom
- Rarely
- Little
- Barely
- Nowhere (else)
- Never (before)
- Not (even)once
- On no account
- Only be

Never have I

Not only did t

Seldom do

- With the expressions ONLY AFTER, ONLY BY, ONLY IF, ONLY WHEN, NOT UNTIL / TILL, the inversion is in the main clause.
- Only if you have a nourishing diet will you have a healthy life.
- Only after trying the recipe several times was she able to get the whipped cream

### With conditional sentences

- Were I you, I would tell the truth
- I (If I were you)
- Had I been told, I would have asked before.
- If I had been told)

- After verbs of movement or adverbial expressions of place when they come at the beginning of a sentence.
- Outside the house was a big pine tree.
- On the chair lay a cat
- Here comes the bus
- There she goes (not there goes she because she is a pronoun not a noun.)

#### AGREEING AND DISAGREEING (INVERSION)

# With SO (+) / NEITHER / NOR (-) to express agreement

"I love turkey" (2) " so do I"
"I have been to Brazil" (2) "so have I"
"I sent her a message" (2) So did I"

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# DISAGREEING

"I can swim very well" (\* "I can't "

# " U didn't do the homework" - " "I did"