Correct the inversion!

1 There is a mistake in each of the ‘inversion’ sentences below. Correct each sentence. You may need to add an extra word or just correct the existing sentence.

   a) Not once she ask me if I wanted to put my feet up.
   b) Not only does he a fantastic scientist, but he can also write very imaginative stories.
   c) Rarely I have seen such an aggressive virus in a patient.
   d) No way I would go on a space mission!
   e) Only I realised the computer had crashed, did I start to think about all the work I’d lost.
   f) Never before I had had to call off so many social engagements because of my workload.
   g) Not only have we finish this project once and for all, but we also have a week’s holiday!
   h) Only when we arrived in Seville, I did realise I’d been there before.

2 Complete the phrases below and then compare your answers with your partner.

   a) No way would I eat......................
   b) Rarely have I experienced..................
   c) No way would I travel by..................
   d) Only when I finally put my feet up..........
   e) Not once did I...............................when..................
   f) No way would I try to........................
   g) Never before have I felt so............... 
   h) No way would I drink.....................
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of inversions. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 4.3

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: copy of the worksheet for each student

1 Ask students to find the mistake or add an extra word to each sentence. Tell students to compare their answers with a partner. Check answers with the class.

Answers: a) Not once did she ask me if I wanted to put my feet up. b) Not only is he a fantastic scientist, but he can also write very imaginative stories. c) Rarely have I seen such an aggressive virus in a patient. d) No way would I go on a space mission. e) Only when I realised the computer had crashed, did I start to think about all the work I’d lost. f) Never before had I had to call off so many social engagements because of my workload. g) Not only have we finished this project once and for all, but we also have a week’s holiday! h) Only when we arrived in Seville, did I realise I’d been there before.

2 Students do a freer activity by completing the inversion sentences with their own responses. Monitor to check if anyone needs help. Students read their sentences to their partners. Ask for class feedback.