

INVERSIONS TO UPGRADE YOUR WRITING OUTCOMES.

Never	➡	Never have I worked so hard in all my life.
Rarely	➡	Rarely have I worked so hard in all my life.
Seldom	➡	Seldom have I worked so hard in all my life.

How can we use it for writing tasks?

Formal contexts where you talk about what people think: Essay, report

For example: Seldom do people acknowledge the importance of healthy habits.

Not with “I” because you don’t usually use this pronoun.

Neutral/Informal contexts where you can give your opinion: Review, informal letter

For example: Never have I seen such a good(or awful) film!

Never have I gone on such an amazing trip! I had the time of my life.

Here we can use it with “I” because of the register.

Not only... but also ➡ Not only were you late for work, but you had also forgotten the report.

For example, in a letter of complaint: not only did they bring our food late, but they were also impolite. In an essay: Not only do people need to change their eating habits, but they should also make an effort to exercise regularly.

Little ➡ Little did I realise that I would become managing director just two years later.

Informal letter: Little did I expect to have such an amazing experience!

Formal piece of writing: Little could society know how fast technology would advance.