Inversion and Expressions of Time

Inversion, changing the order of the subject and the auxiliary verb in a sentence, is often used when expressing a negative measure of time.

EXAMPLES: Never have I been so happy!

Seldom have I heard such silliness!

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each sentence, using inversion to emphasize the negative expression of time.

- 1. I have rarely been so impressed.
- 2. I knew little about what she was up to.
- 3. I had barely started when I had to stop.
- 4. We only recently started going.
- 5. Jennifer hardly ever studies and she always gets straight As.
- 6. I don't know when Peter started that job.
- 7. We were able to find such treats nowhere.
- 8. We on no account agreed with his decision.

