

Negative Adverbs

Negative adverbs modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs in a negative way.

Frequency	Place	Time	Degree	Manner
Hardly Rarely Seldom Barely ever Hardly ever No longer Never	Nowhere	No sooner At no time Not once Not since	Little Barely Scarcely	Under no circumstances In no way On no account On no condition

The adverb position is;

- Subject + adverb + main verb
- Subject + auxiliary verb + adverb + main verb
- Subject + verb to be + adverb
- EXCEPTION (nowhere) → subject + verb + nowhere / nowhere + to + infinitive
- No sooner tends to be used with “than”

We can invert negative adverbs too but we must invert the subject and first verb. Be careful with present simple and past simple, where you'll need to insert an auxiliary verb. I hardly dance → *Hardly do I dance.*

Only can be used with if, when, until and after. When inverting, the phrases need to switch → *I'll only go to the shops if you come with you - Only if you come with me will I go to the shops.*



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- ⚠ Don't mix up “no” and “not”