INGLÉS B2 · INTERMEDIO ALTO

Had just...when y never: matices de una narración

Lee la regla y los ejemplos, haz los ejercicios de las páginas siguientes y corrígelos con las soluciones del final.

> ***Had just ... when*** cuenta que una acción **acababa de terminar** cuando ocurrió otra; ***had never*** habla de algo que **aún no se había vivido**.

UN DETALLE ÚTIL
En la versión formal se invierte el orden, como en una pregunta: *Hardly had she finished...*, *Not only did they want....*

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- *had just* + participio + *when* + pasado simple: *She had just finished speaking when the phone rang.*
- *had never* + participio: una experiencia que no se había vivido. *Beth had never felt so uncertain.*
- Versión formal con inversión: *Hardly had she finished speaking when the phone rang.*
- *Not only did they want..., but they also...*: el auxiliar va antes del sujeto.

NORMAL	CON INVERSIÓN (MÁS FORMAL)
She had just finished when the phone rang.	*Hardly had she finished when the phone rang.*
They didn't only want different locations.	*Not only did they want different locations...*
I had never felt so uncertain.	*Never had I felt so uncertain.*

EJEMPLOS

1. She **had just arrived when** the phone rang.
   Acababa de llegar cuando sonó el teléfono.
2. **Hardly had** he **sat down when** the lights went out.
   Apenas se había sentado cuando se apagaron las luces.
3. **Not only did** she speak French, **but** she **also** spoke Arabic.
   No solo hablaba francés, sino también árabe.

ERROR FRECUENTE

✗ EVITA	✓ MEJOR
~~*She had just finish speaking when the phone rang.*~~	*She had just finished speaking when the phone rang.*

Después de had usamos participio: finished.

EN CONTEXTO

Not only did they want different locations, but they also had different ideas about prices.

De *The Bakery Plan*, una historia B2 de letruna.com

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NOMBRE _____ FECHA _____

1 Completa con la forma correcta del verbo entre paréntesis

1 She had just _____ (leave) when you called.

2 Hardly had we _____ (sit) down when the music started.

3 Not only _____ (he / forget) my birthday, but he also lost my present.

4 I had never _____ (see) such a beautiful sunset.

5 Hardly _____ (the film / start) when the lights went out.

6 Not only _____ (she / speak) French, but she also speaks Arabic.

2 Reescribe empezando por la palabra entre paréntesis

1 He had just closed his eyes when the alarm went off. (Hardly)

2 She sings and she also writes her own songs. (Not only)

3 We had just arrived when it started to snow. (Hardly)

4 They lost the match and they also lost their best player. (Not only)

5 I have never seen anything like it. (Never)

3 ¿Está bien? Si no, corrígela

1 She had just finish speaking when the phone rang.

☐ Correcta

2 Hardly had I opened the door when the cat ran out.

☐ Correcta

3 Not only she plays the piano, but she also sings.

☐ Correcta

4 Hardly I had sat down when the bus stopped.

☐ Correcta

5 Never I have felt so tired.

☐ Correcta

4 Completa el relato con la forma correcta del verbo

The interview

I had just 1 _____ (sit) down in the waiting room when my phone rang. Hardly 2 _____ (I / answer) it when a woman called my name. Not only 3 _____ (I / be) late, but I also had coffee on my shirt. I 4 _____ (never / feel) so nervous in my life. Hardly 5 _____ (the interview / begin) when I forgot my first answer.

5 Tu turno

Escribe el principio de una historia en tres frases: una con had just... when, una con Hardly had... when y una con Not only...

Soluciones

Corrige con otro color. Si fallas más de dos en un ejercicio, vuelve a la regla de la primera página o practica online, con corrección al instante, en letruna.com/gramatica/b2/inversion-hardly-not-only/.

1 · COMPLETA CON LA FORMA CORRECTA DEL VERBO ENTRE PARÉNTESIS

1. *left*
2. *sat*
3. *did he forget*
4. *seen*
5. *had the film started*
6. *does she speak*

2 · REESCRIBE EMPEZANDO POR LA PALABRA ENTRE PARÉNTESIS

1. *Hardly had he closed his eyes when the alarm went off.*
2. *Not only does she sing, but she also writes her own songs.*
3. *Hardly had we arrived when it started to snow.*
4. *Not only did they lose the match, but they also lost their best player.*
5. *Never have I seen anything like it.*

3 · ¿ESTÁ BIEN? SI NO, CORRÍGELA

1. *She had just finished speaking when the phone rang.*
2. Correcta
3. *Not only does she play the piano, but she also sings.*
4. *Hardly had I sat down when the bus stopped.*
5. *Never have I felt so tired.*

4 · COMPLETA EL RELATO CON LA FORMA CORRECTA DEL VERBO

1. *sat*
2. *had I answered*
3. *was I*
4. *had never felt*
5. *had the interview begun*

5 · TU TURNO

Respuesta libre. Por ejemplo: *Hardly had I opened the door when the lights went out.*

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