

# Inversion Practice

**Special feature:** Each quiz section starts with a slide that explains the type of inversion tested with examples of sentences in regular word order and with subject-verb inversion.

**Question format:** Matching, multiple choice, multiple response, fill in the blank, type in

## Contents

- 38 quizzes with 711 questions
- Focuses on subject-verb inversion that is practical and natural
- Demonstrates inversion not for its own sake but for specific purposes
- Helps you develop an ear for natural-sounding inversion
- Helps you understand and follow the style of professional writers
- Uses quality examples from novels, short stories, children's stories, travel articles, guide-books, newspapers and magazines

## Demonstrates the purposes of inversion

- to make sentences clear and lively
- to achieve sentence balance, avoiding top-heavy sentences
- to provide prominence to essential signpost words
- to provide prominence to important but unemphatic words to be sure they are not missed
- to achieve clarity by putting signpost words at the beginning and prominent subjects in the emphatic end-position
- to allow the reader to process information efficiently by placing key function words at the beginning of the clause

## Types of inversion covered

**THESE constructions** – covers the full range of introductory *THESE* constructions, using the verbs *be*, *appear*, *seem*, *may come*, *continue*, *exist*, *happen*, *need*, *remain* and *tend*; *yes-no* questions; tag questions; relative clauses; *-ing* phrases; and *to*-infinitives

**Signpost inversion** – covers inversion following signpost openers to let the reader know immediately the theme of the sentence: prepositions of position, place and direction; adverbs of time, place, movement and direction; adverbial particles of phrasal verbs; and adjective phrases

**Mandatory inversion with negative adverbials** – to give early notice that the sentence is to be negative: *at no time*, *neither*, *never*, *nor*, *no sooner than*, *not a*, *not for*, *not once*, *not only... but*, *not since / until*, *nowhere*, *on no account*, *under no*

**Mandatory inversion with subtle negatives** – *barely*, *hardly*, *little*, *only (after)*, *only then/when*, *rarely*, *scarcely*, *seldom*

**Link inversion** – to connect what follows to the previous clause: *as*, *so*, *thus*

**Conditional clauses** – replacing *if*-clauses using the verbs *should*, *had* and *were*