

A GRAMMAR AND
STYLE GUIDE TO
#YODIFY
YOUR LANGUAGE



Yodify Your English-Sentence Inversion With Adverbial Phrases

B2-C1

Module 5

Here's What We
Will Be Learning
in this
Presentation:



SUMMARY

- What is 'Sentence Inversion'?
- Usage.
- Exercises.

When we want to give emphasis in a sentence, certain negative adverbs and adverbial phrases may be taken out of their normal position and placed at the beginning of a sentence or clause. In this emphatic construction the word order is inverted: the negative adverbial is placed first, an auxiliary verb follows it and the subject of the sentence comes next. E.g.

Regular Formation: *He didn't speak a word.*

Inverted Formation: *Not a word did he speak.*

The two sentences mean the same thing. The only difference is that the second sentence is more emphatic.

