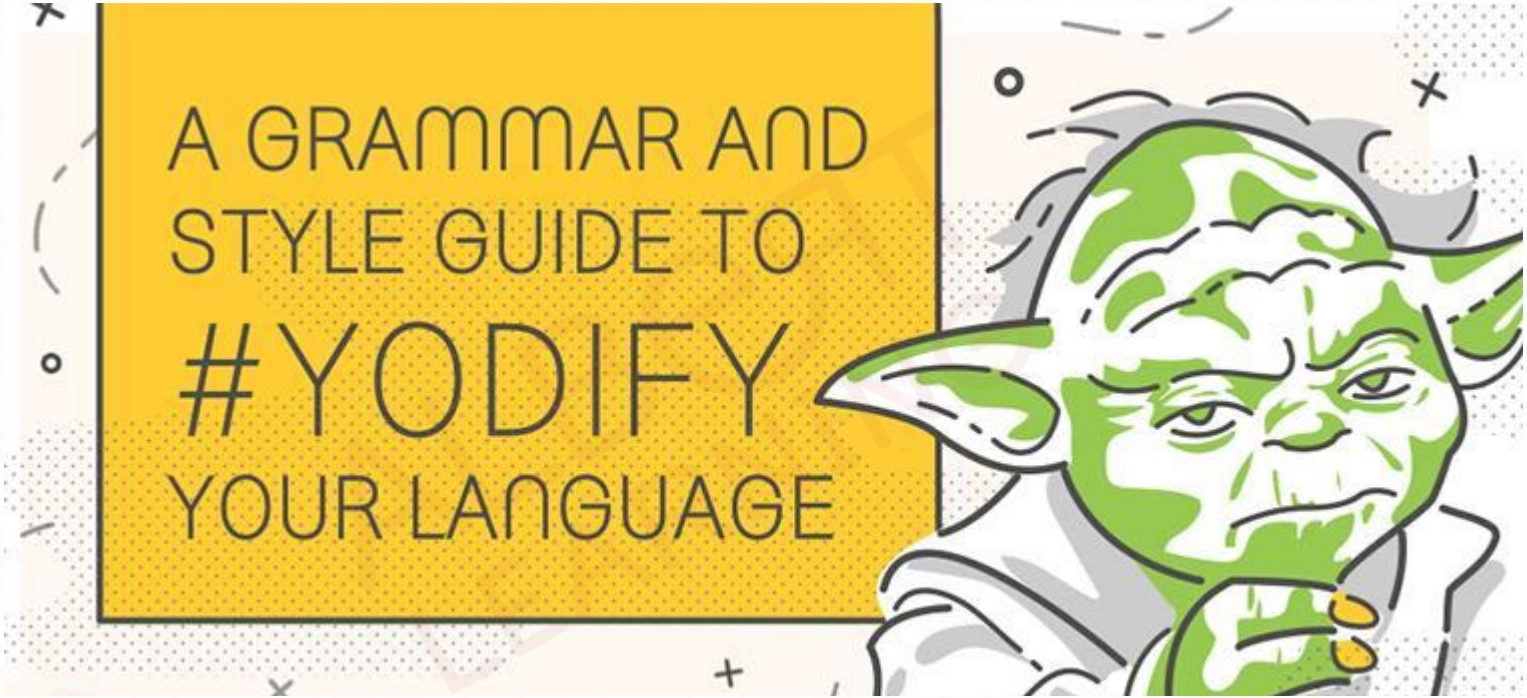

Yodify Your English-Sentence Inversion With Adverbial Phrases

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

SUMMARY

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

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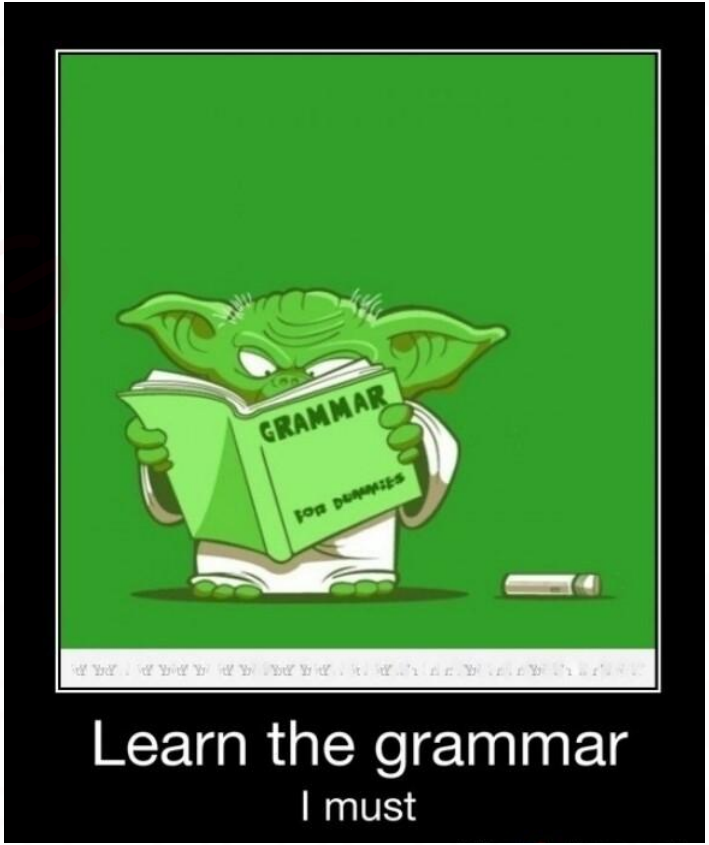
When we want to give emphasis in a sentence, certain negative adverbs and adverbial phrases may be taken out of their normal position and placed at the beginning of a sentence or clause. In this emphatic construction the word order is inverted: the negative adverbial is placed first, an auxiliary verb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



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