

Advanced Sentence Structure: Inversion

倒裝句其實係寫作或者正式場合都會用到，學識佢可以令你英文更高級、更自然。

意思：掉換主語(subject)次序去將重點轉移

疑問句 (Question Sentences)

- ◆ 正常語序係咁：

👉 You know what I mean.

- ◆ 但係變成疑問句，就要倒裝：

👉 Do you know what I mean?

我哋將助動詞 do 放咗去主語 you 前面，形成倒裝句。

疑問句 (Question Sentences)

再睇一個例子：

👉 You have finished your homework. (你做完功課啦)

變成疑問句就係：

👉 Have you finished your homework?

強調否定副詞開頭

當句子一開始用咗啲 否定副詞, 例如:

never(從未)

rarely(很少)

not only(不單止)

hardly(幾乎唔)

咁我哋就要用倒裝句嚟強調句子。

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例子一：

👉 正常語序：I have never seen such a picture.

👉 倒裝句：Never have I seen such a picture.

例子二：

👉 正常語序：I rarely go to the gym.

👉 倒裝句：Rarely do I go to the gym.

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例子三：

👉 正常語序：I have studied abroad in America, and I have also worked there.

👉 倒裝句：Not only have I studied abroad in America, but I have also worked there.


👉 正常語序：The staff refused to change the room, and he also ignored my complaints.


👉 倒裝句：

Not only did the staff refuse to change the room, but he also ignored my complaints


記住，呢啲否定副詞一擺喺句首，就要將助動詞放前面！


【常見錯誤: Not only 用法】

 錯誤寫法:


Not only studied abroad, but I have also worked there. 

(錯喺冇倒裝主語同冇助動詞)

 正確寫法:

Not only have I studied abroad, but I have also worked there. 

原句: I have not only studied abroad, but I have also worked there.

 重點: not only 放喺句首, 就一定要倒裝, 助動詞放前面, 主語跟住。

✗【常見錯誤：Not only 用法】

中間用法：I not only studied abroad, but also worked there. ✓

句首用法：Not only did I study abroad, but I also worked there. ✓

If-句 倒裝(更正式)

想令條件句 (If-sentences) 聽落更正式、更有文采, 我哋可以省略 "if", 然後倒裝句子。

例子1:

👉 正常語序: If I had done my homework, I wouldn't have been punished.

👉 倒裝句: Had I done my homework, I wouldn't have been punished.

例子2:

👉 If you should need any help, please let me know.

👉 倒裝句: *Should you need any help, please let me know.

呢啲句式, 喺正式寫作 (例如 report、proposal) 用出嚟, 會係加分位!