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GRAMMAR: INVERSIONS
GAPS FILL

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of auxiliary verb:

We normally use (negative adverbs) auxiliary + subject + complements when we form inversions.

1. Never _____ I heard such a ridiculous story before today.
2. _____ I to know what you were talking about, I might be able to help you.
3. _____ I known that you were going to arrive late, I would have let everyone know.
4. Hardly _____ I started working, when you called me with the news.
5. _____ I have met you sooner, it would have been better for everyone involved.
6. No sooner _____ a got to work than I was called into the directors office.
7. At no point _____ you tell me that I was going to lose my job.
8. Under no circumstances _____ you take unauthorised breaks.
9. Seldom _____ I heard such nonsense in the workplace.
10. _____ the employees better informed, the whole company would benefit.

Answers:

1. Never **had** I heard such a ridiculous story before today.
2. **Were** I to know what you were talking about, I might be able to help you.
3. **Had** I known that you were going to arrive late, I would have let everyone know.
4. Hardly **had** I started working, when you called me with the news.
5. **Could** I have met you sooner, it would have been better for everyone involved.
6. No sooner **had** I got to work than I was called into the directors office.
7. At no point **did** you tell me that I was going to lose my job.
8. Under no circumstances **should** you take unauthorised breaks.
9. Seldom **have** I heard such nonsense in the workplace.
10. **Were** the employees better informed, the whole company would benefit.