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C2 · WORD ORDER · ≈ 27 MIN

Stylistic Inversion — *practice on paper*

You know the four patterns; now reinforce place inversion, agreement, concession, and degree with suitable register labels.

Choose function and register first:	**verb before noun**	in formal place inversion, but	**so/neither + auxiliary**	in neutral agreement.

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD — 1 · SORTING ○ | 2 · FILL-IN ○ | 3 · CORRECT ○ | 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT BY FUNCTION AND REGISTER · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. The left column uses a formal or literary pattern for stylistic effect; the right gives neutral agreement with so or neither.

Beyond the gate stood a silent guard.

Across the screen flashed a warning.

Busy though she was, she replied.

Such was the tension that no one moved.

Beside the folder lay two receipts.

Nora approved the plan, and so did I.

We can join at nine, and so can Leo.

I did not complain, and neither did Kim.

They have signed, and so have we.

Mina was not late, and neither was Jo.

FORMAL STYLE	NEUTRAL AGREEMENT

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE INVERSION PATTERN · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete each form. For place patterns, check the subject type; for agreement, match the auxiliary in the first statement.

01 Past scene with stand: Yesterday, near the entrance _____ a row of empty crates.

02 Pronoun she with come: Here _____ with the revised agenda.

03 Our team can stay, and so _____ the supplier.

04 Lena had not objected, and neither _____ we.

05 Concession with though: Demanding _____ the task was, they completed it.

06 Such _____ the confusion that the call paused.

07 The analysts were relieved, and so _____ I.

08 Past scene with come: At noon yesterday, through the open doorway _____ the visitors.

YOUR BUILD | 1 · SORTING | 2 · FILL-IN | 3 · CORRECT | 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE WORD-ORDER ERROR · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains exactly one error in the target pattern. Rewrite the full sentence correctly while keeping its register effect.

01 Last week arrived the consultant before noon.

02 Here comes she with the signed forms.

03 I can attend, and so do my assistant.

04 Concerned as were they, they continued.

05 Such the urgency was that we called twice.

06 At the far end did stand a narrow cabinet.

BRICK 4 · WRITE WITH STYLE AND REGISTER · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Use formal patterns deliberately; keep so/neither as neutral agreement.

01 Formal report: open a scene with place, full verb, and a noun subject.

02 Neutral conversation: agree with a positive statement using so and a matching auxiliary.

03 Formal concession: begin with an adjective plus as or though.

04 Formal degree emphasis: use such plus be and a result with that.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I use place inversion deliberately in formal or literary register.
- [ ] I keep a pronoun before the full verb after here.
- [ ] I match the auxiliary after so or neither to the original statement.
- [ ] I form concession and degree with their distinct word orders.

Still unsure? Name the function, subject type, and register first, then try the sheet again.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Beyond the gate stood a silent guard.
Formal style: place inversion opens the scene.

02 Across the screen flashed a warning.
Formal style: place inversion animates the scene.

03 Busy though she was, she replied.
Formal style: though marks the concession.

04 Such was the tension that no one moved.
Formal style: such plus be emphasizes degree.

05 Beside the folder lay two receipts.
Formal style: the noun follows lay.

06 Nora approved the plan, and so did I.
Neutral agreement: so confirms the positive statement.

07 We can join at nine, and so can Leo.
Neutral agreement: can echoes the modal.

08 I did not complain, and neither did Kim.
Neutral agreement: neither echoes the negative.

09 They have signed, and so have we.
Neutral agreement: have echoes the perfect.

10 Mina was not late, and neither was Jo.
Neutral agreement: was matches the original statement.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Past scene with stand: Yesterday, near the entrance **stood** a row of empty crates.
Place inversion: stood precedes the noun.

02 Pronoun she with come: Here **she comes** with the revised agenda.
Pronoun rule: she remains before the verb.

03 Our team can stay, and so **can** the supplier.
Agreement: can echoes the modal.

04 Lena had not objected, and neither **had** we.
Agreement: had echoes the past perfect.

05 Concession with though: Demanding **though** the task was, they completed it.
Concession: though links adjective and clause.

06 Such **was** the confusion that the call paused.
Degree pattern: such precedes be and subject.

07 The analysts were relieved, and so **was** I.
Agreement: was matches the singular subject I.

08 Past scene with come: At noon yesterday, through the open doorway **came** the visitors.
Place inversion: came precedes the noun.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Last week **the consultant arrived** before noon.
Normal order: time phrases do not trigger V2.

02 Here **she comes** with the signed forms.
Pronoun rule: she remains before the verb.

03 I can attend, and so **can** my assistant.
Agreement: can echoes the modal.

04 Concerned as **they were**, they continued.
Concession: subject precedes the verb.

05 Such **was the urgency** that we called twice.
Degree pattern: be precedes the subject.

06 At the far end **stood** a narrow cabinet.
Place inversion: full verb needs no do-support.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ if the function, word order, and register fit the prompt.

01 At the centre of the room **stood** a glass table.
Formal place inversion: noun follows the full verb.

02 Ravi has checked the draft, and **so have I**.
Neutral agreement: have echoes the perfect.

03 **Challenging though the meeting was**, we reached agreement.
Formal concession: though follows the adjective.

04 **Such was the demand** that registration closed early.
Formal degree emphasis: such plus be opens.

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