

Inversion

Part A

Fill in the blanks using inversion.

1. Seldom do our family eat (our family / eat) at a restaurant.
2. On the tea table rests a beautiful flower arrangement (a beautiful flower arrangement / rests).
3. Under no circumstances will I tell (I / will tell) the others your secret.
4. Not until the end of the film did the main character find out (the main character / found out) the truth.
5. Never have the poor children been (the poor children / have been) to Disneyland.
6. Had the little girl eaten (the little girl / had eaten) less, she would not have been overweight.

Part B

Rewrite the sentences using inversion.

1. The pickpocket jumped off once the bus stopped.
Off jumped the pickpocket once the bus stopped.
2. If I were the Chief Executive, I would not pull down so many historic buildings.
Were I the Chief Executive, I would not pull down so many historic buildings.
3. The police found out the murderer only after the investigation.
Only after the investigation did the police find out the murderer.
4. We rarely see wild animals in the Hong Kong countryside now.
Rarely do we see wild animals in the Hong Kong countryside now.
5. Many diligent students are sitting in the silent study room.
In the silent study room are sitting many diligent students.

Part C

Ophelia is designing a poster for the school to promote responsible pet ownership. She has written some sentences for the poster but she wants to emphasise the tone of them. Help Ophelia rewrite the sentences using inversion.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner!

1. You should never keep a pet for fun only.
2. You should leave your pet unattended at home under no circumstances.
3. Abuse and cruelty to animals should be tolerated in no way.
4. Don't keep a pet until you've decided to take care of it for a lifetime.
5. If you should find your pet sick, take it to a vet at once.
6. You not only should feed your pet regularly. You should also spend time with your pet every day.
7. Go on a trip only after you've asked someone responsible to take care of your pet.
8. You should keep your pet clean and healthy. You should make your pet happy.

 If you were a pet, you would want your owner to be responsible! 

1. Never should you keep a pet for fun only.
2. Under no circumstances should you leave your pet unattended at home.
3. In no way should abuse and cruelty to animals be tolerated.
4. Not until you've decided to take care of a pet for a lifetime do you keep a pet.
5. Should you find your pet sick, take it to a vet at once.
6. Not only should you feed your pet regularly, but you should also spend time with your pet every day.
7. Only after you've asked someone responsible to take care of your pet do you go on a trip.
8. Not only should you keep your pet clean and healthy, but you should also make your pet happy.

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