

## Negative Adverbs

hardly, in no way, neither, never, not only, only, rarely, seldom

She hardly participates in this class.  
I have never seen him work so hard.  
She is rarely late.

Negative adverbs can be used at the beginning of sentences to add emphasis:

Never have I seen such a mess!

Seldom have the police made such a huge mistake.

Only in America could a poor boy from the Bronx become a famous boxer.

[Note: starting sentences with negative adverbs is a formal style]

Neither

Neither is very common in spoken English and almost always comes at the beginning of a sentence:

Neither of us wants to go out tonight.

Neither of those skirts looks good on you.

I don't like peas. Neither do I.

Practice

Make sentences using the following words:

1. hardly, never, rarely, seldom
2. only, only if, hardly, never
3. only, hardly, never, seldom, please not
4. only, please, only if, only, only if, only
5. only, never, hardly, only, only, because, only
6. only, hardly, rarely, never
7. only, not only, dangerous, impractical, only if, only if, only
8. only, not only, never, hardly, only, only, only, only, only, only