





ENGLISH - GRAMMAR

Use: (As soon as / No sooner... than

/ Hardly had When)

Use: As soon as:

Rules:

1. **By using as soon as we can join two separate sentences.**
2. **Write As soon as before the sentence which shows first action.**
3. **If in given single sentence there is a (as, when, or No sooner + helping verb) remove it and in place of it put as soon and connect other sentence by putting comma (,).**

1. The driver saw a green signal. He started his car.

Ans: As soon as the driver saw a green signal, he started his car.

2. ~~When~~ the driver saw a green signal, he started his car,

Ans: As soon as the driver saw a green signal, he started his car.

3. As the driver saw green signal, he started his car.

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4. He started his car as the driver saw green signal.

Ans: He started his car as soon as the driver saw green signal.

As soon as the driver saw a green signal, he started his car.

5. ~~No sooner~~ did the driver saw a green signal ~~than~~ he started his car.

Ans: As soon as the driver saw a green signal, he started his car.

Examples:

1. **I finish my homework. I help my mother.**

2. **When he saw a tiger, he cried out.**
3. **No sooner was he free than he came home.**
4. **The boys rushed to the ground as the bell had rung.**
5. **When I stood near the pool, I noticed bubbles in the water.**

Use: No sooner.....than

Formula: No sooner + Helping verb + s. +v. than (join another sentence) do, does, did.

e.g. 1. The driver saw a green signal. He started his car.

Ans: No sooner did the driver see a green signal than he started his car.

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Examples:

1. **I finish my homework. I help my mother.**

Ans: No sooner do I finish my work than I help my mother.

1. **When he saw a tiger, he cried out.**

Ans: No sooner did he see a tiger than he cried out.

1. **~~As soon as~~ he was free, he came home.**

Ans: No sooner was he free than he came home.

1. **The boys rushed to the ground as the bell had rung.**

Ans: No sooner had the bell rung than the boys rushed to the ground.

1. **Hardly had I stood near the pool when I noticed bubbles in the water.**

Ans: No sooner had I stood the pool than I noticed bubbles in the water.

For Practice :

1. When I stood near the pool, I noticed bubbles in the water.
2. When she struggled while reciting, she glanced at her parents.
3. People mentioned any match in the World Cup. Abhishek told them the statistics for the match.
4. I found myself being pulled down. I spluttered and shouted.
5. As soon as I scrambled out of the pool, Mala accused me. ◆◆◆

1. Rewrite the following sentences replacing 'As soon as' by 'No sooner than'.

(1) As soon as he came, they gave an applause.

Ans. No sooner did he come than they gave an applause.

(2) As soon as the Bill is passed, it will become an Act.

Ans.

(3) As soon as the thief escaped, the family informed the police.

Ans.

(4) As soon as you have finished, you can submit your answer-papers.

Ans.

(5) As soon as they can manage, they should change their house.

Ans.

(6) As soon as the bell will ring, the School Assembly will start.

Ans.

(7) As soon as he had finished his work, he sat down on the highest step.

Ans.

(8) As soon as she had seen me, she caught my hand warmly.

Ans.

Use: Hardly hadwhen

Or

Scarcely had.....when

Formula:

Hardly had + s. + ppv. +when (another sentence)

Examples:

1. I finish my homework. I help my mother.

Ans: Hardly had I finished my homework when I help my mother.

1. ~~When~~ he saw a tiger, he cried out.

Ans: Hardly had he seen a tiger when he cried out.

Scarcely had he seen a tiger when he cried out.

1. As soon as he was free, he came home.

Ans: Hardly had he freed when he came home.

Scarcely had he freed when he came home.

1. **The boys rushed to the ground as the bell had rung.**

Ans: Hardly had the bell rung when the boys rushed to the ground

1. ~~No sooner did I stand near the pool than I noticed bubbles in the water.~~
2. **Ans: Hardly had I stood near the pool when I noticed bubbles in the water.**

EXAMPLES:

1. **The race started, we were looking for Ravi.**
2. **I saw him looking at his watch. I decided to evaluate his wound.**
3. **My eyes filled with tears when I heard the reply.**
4. **They finished the job and got into the lift.**
5. **No sooner did I find mobile than I became mad with joy.**
6. **As soon as he came, she went away.**

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