

Time to Come Clean!

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APPENDIX A

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Watch Watch Ellen as she plays *Never Have I Ever* with Matthew Lauer, the host of *The Today Show*, and put a check if the activity has been done and an X if it has not been done. The answer might be both of them.

Who has . . . ?	Ellen	Matt	How does Ellen say the sentence?
been in handcuffs	×	✓	<i>Never ever have I been in handcuffs.</i>
stolen something			<i>Never ever</i>
forgotten the name of an interviewee			
been to a nude beach			
screamed during a scary movie			

Grammar Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

❶ How does Ellen start her sentences? Why?

❷ What part of speech is never? Is it positive or negative/restrictive? What other negative or restrictive adverbs can you list?

❸ What happens when a sentence begins with a negative or restrictive adverb?

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Practice **Answer the following questions. Then practice the conversation with a partner.**

1) Have you ever seen a giraffe up close?

A giraffe? Never ever in my life _____

2) Do you ever eat cooked food for breakfast?

Cooked food for breakfast? Seldom _____

3) Were you ever punished as a schoolchild?

Only once _____

Game **Write one true and one false sentence about yourself. Begin your sentences with a negative/restrictive adverb.**

1) _____

2) _____

Work in groups of four. Take turns reading your sentences while others guess whether you are telling the truth. Ask follow-up questions. Be prepared to report your findings to the class.

Example

A: Rarely did I ever do my homework as a child.

B: I don't think that is true.

A: You're wrong! I never actually did my homework.

B: Okay. My turn. Never have I used someone else's toothbrush.

C: No way!

APPENDIX B: Answer Key**Time To Come Clean! Handout Answers**

Watch

Who has . . . ?	Ellen	Matt	How does Ellen say the sentence?
stolen something	×	✓	<i>Never have I ever stolen something.</i>
forgotten the name of an interviewee	✓	✓	<i>Never have I ever forgotten the name of someone I was interviewing.</i>
been to a nude beach	✓	×	<i>Never have I ever been to a nude beach.</i>
screamed during a scary movie	✓	×	<i>Never have I ever screamed during a scary movie.</i>

Grammar (Possible Answers)

❶ The negative adverb *never* is usually used to emphasize. It is also sometimes considered formal. ❷ The word *never* is an adverb. It is negative/restrictive. Other negative or restrictive adverbs include *but* are not limited to *rarely*, *no*, *only*, *scarcely*, *hardly ever*, *seldom*, *little*, *no sooner/ later*, *not only*, *neither*, and *nor*. ❸ When there is an inversion, it means that the auxiliary verb is before the subject, making only the form of a question without being a question at all.

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For ❶, think of emphasis or formality.

For ❷, note that some examples include *hardly ever*, *only*, *little*, and *neither*.

Try to answer ❸ by noticing that a sentence might become a question, include inversions, or use auxiliaries.