



No sooner ..... than.....

Hardly..... when .....

These structures are used to express that two events happened nearly at the same time (**the second event occurs immediately after the first**).

1) **No sooner** had I arrived at the station **than** the train came.

**Hardly** had I arrived at the station **when** the train came.

2) **Hardly** had she finished one project **when** she started working on the next.

**No sooner** had she finished one project **than** she started working on the next.

Note that in this structure: "No sooner"/ "Hardly" introduce the event that occurred first.

Correct the two mistakes in each of the following sentences.

1) I had finished the meal. I started feeling pain. (use: **No sooner..... than**)

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2) I had put the phone down. It rang again. (begin with: **Hardly..... when**)

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3) They had hardly arrived home when the thief (leave). (**Correct the verb**)

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4) No sooner had she (agrees) to marry him than she started to have doubts. (**Correct the verb**)

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Choose the correct choice in the following.

1. .... had the child started crying than his mother lifted him up.

a) Hardly                      b) After                      c) No sooner                      d) When

2. No sooner had the thieves seen the police than they ..... away.

a) runs                      b) ran                      c) run                      d) running

3. .... had I gone to bed when I fell asleep.

a) Before                      b) Hardly                      c) No sooner                      d) After

5. .... I had taken a dose of medicine, I started feeling better.

a) Hardly                      b) After                      c) No sooner                      d) Already

6. He had ..... reached the bus station when the bus came.

a) before                      b) after                      c) already                      d) when

5) Hardly ..... we ..... our lunch when the waiter brought our drinks.

a) had/ has                      b) have/ had                      c) had/ had                      d) has/ had