

'no sooner... than' is used when just as an incident or event is happening, another suddenly occurs.

Example A

The phone rang the moment I entered the room.

Answer 1

No sooner had I entered the room **than** the phone rang.

Answer 2

I had **no sooner** entered the room **than** the phone rang.

NOTE:

'had' is included in both answers as there is a need to show which incident happened first 'I' entered the room (first) and then the phone rang (second).

Example B

May shrieked at the top of her lungs when she saw the white figure on the stairs.

Answer 1

No sooner had she seen the white figure on the stairs **than** May shrieked at the top of her lungs.

Answer 2

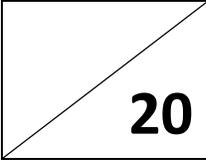
May had **no sooner** seen the white figure on the stairs **than** she shrieked at the top of her lungs.

NOTE:

Like in Example A, the word 'had' is crucial to both the answers here.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).



1. We had just washed the car when it started to rain.
No sooner _____ than _____
2. Willis was asked to leave the moment he stepped into the room.
No sooner _____ than _____
3. As soon as the canary flew out of the cage, the cat pounced on it.
_____ no sooner _____ than _____
4. Jack planted the magic bean into the ground. It started sprouting at once.
_____ no sooner _____ than _____
- *5. Paul had just laid eyes on his present. Paul tore open his present.
_____ no sooner _____ than _____
6. I stepped out of my room and saw a mouse run into the kitchen
No sooner _____ than _____
7. Lynn walked into the mall. Lynn saw Cynthia in a shop
_____ no sooner _____ than _____
8. The paparazzi began snapping pictures the moment the actress got out of the car.
No sooner _____ than _____
9. The students started misbehaving when Miss Hani left the classroom.
_____ no sooner _____ than _____
- *10. One event had barely ended and another is to start the next day
No sooner _____ than _____