No sooner and hardly example sentences

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master **no sooner and hardly**

I had **no sooner** fallen asleep when the neighbour's loud music woke me up.

The plane had **hardly** taken off before I started to feel sick.

The robber had **no sooner** stolen the money than swarms of police surrounded the building, blocking all his exits.

I'd **no sooner** put on my beautiful new dress when my husband accidentally spilled red wine all over it.

I had **hardly** arrived at the supermarket when I realised that I forgot my money and cards at home.

Frank is always travelling. He'd **hardly** arrived back from his trip to Russia when he went on his next trip to Jamaica.

The actress had **hardly** stepped out of her car when fans and reporters gathered around her to ask questions and request her autograph.

Jane: When did the problems begin between you and Paul?

Grace: We'd hardly been married a few months when they all started.

Vicky is a workaholic. She had **no sooner** finished a huge project than she started another massive assignment. I don't know how she does it.

The kids were exhausted after their day out. They had **hardly** touched the bed when they were fast asleep.

The children had **no sooner** arrived at the party than they were screaming and shouting with delight.

The criminal had **hardly** escaped before he was recaptured and sent back to prison.

The company had **no sooner** released their latest phone when it had to be recalled because of problems with the screen.

Harry: How is your son doing?

Eric: He's living in the USA now. He had **hardly** graduated from university before he was on a plane to Los Angeles.

The runner had **no sooner** finished the marathon than he fainted with exhaustion.

Husband: How are you feeling after taking the medicine?

Wife: Much better. I had hardly swallowed the medicine before I started to feel its effect.

Timmy was worried about his first day at school, but he had **hardly** met the other children before he was running around and playing with them.

George has a huge appetite. He had **hardly** finished his dinner when he asked for a second serving.

The bullet train we took today was unbelievably fast. I'd **no sooner** entered the train when I reached my destination.

The bad weather continues to hit the city. The hurricane had **hardly** passed when bad storms and floods began.