Seldom Does the Pager Wait

English · C1

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · Rarely do I… (inversion)

Find it: __ / 3

1 · SEE IT

seldom does a fire keep office hours,

2 · LEARN IT

Rarely do I rest	I rarely rest	**Rarely does a morning go by**	a morning rarely goes by
Rarely will a Cajun let that slide	a Cajun will rarely accept that	**Seldom do they ask**	they seldom ask
Seldom does the pager wait	the pager seldom waits	**Seldom have so many said so much**	so many people have seldom said so much

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of rarely do I… (inversion).

1. and seldom, in thirty years, have I minded.
2. Seldom does the pager wait for morning,
3. Not once in all those years has it gone off at a decent hour,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] around here we call it Tuesday and pull our boots on in the dark.
- [ ] The county's paperwork calls a night like this an incident requiring response;
- [ ] Ten past three, and the pager on the nightstand is going off again.
- [ ] Thirty years a volunteer, unpaid, unless you count the coffee,
- [ ] in a town of nine hundred people and a single traffic light.

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use not.

1. and _____ once have I needed it to sound a second time.

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 9

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English · C1 · Grammar: Rarely do I... (inversion) · 9 points

Grammar · Find it (3)

1 seldom 2 seldom 3 not, once

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

around here we call it Tuesday and pull our boots on in the dark. 5 · The county's paperwork calls a night like this an incident requiring response; 4 · Ten past three, and the pager on the nightstand is going off again. 1 · Thirty years a volunteer, unpaid, unless you count the coffee, 2 · in a town of nine hundred people and a single traffic light. 3

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 not

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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