

JUST, YET, STILL & ALREADY

1 THEORY

Read the theory about *just*, *yet*, *still* and *already*. Then, complete the worksheet.

We often use <i>just</i> , <i>yet</i> , <i>still</i> and <i>already</i> with the Present Perfect Tense.	
Just	
Theory	The word “ <i>just</i> ” is used to indicate that something happened a <i>very short while before</i> . When using it with the Present Perfect Tense, it comes between the auxiliary verb (has / have) and the past participle.
Example	My boss has <u>just</u> called to tell me I have to work tonight.
Yet	
Theory	We use the word “ <i>yet</i> ” to indicate that we are expecting something to happen. It can be interpreted to mean ‘ <i>at any time up to now</i> ’. When using the Present Perfect Tense, we use <i>yet</i> for negative statements and questions. It is placed at the end of the sentence or question.
Example	I haven’t finished my work <u>yet</u> . I will do it after dinner.
Still	
Theory	When we use “ <i>still</i> ” with the Present Perfect Tense, we indicate that something hasn’t happened - but we are expecting it. It is used to emphasise that we expected it to happen earlier. In this context, it is only used in negative sentences. <i>Still</i> comes between the subject and the auxiliary verb (has / have).
Example	I have been waiting for my client for 20 minutes and he <u>still</u> hasn’t arrived.
Already	
Theory	When we use “ <i>already</i> ” with the Present perfect Tense, it means ‘ <i>before now</i> ’. It is used to emphasise that something happened earlier than we expected.
Example	I have <u>already</u> eaten dinner tonight.

2 QUIZ

Task: Complete the quiz by choosing the correct answer.

You may be able to give more than one answer to some questions.

1. I haven't watched Harry Potter
_____.
a. **yet**
b. still
c. already
d. just
2. I've _____ had dinner.
a. yet
b. still
c. **already**
d. **just**
3. He _____ hasn't given me the report.
a. yet
b. **still**
c. already
d. just
4. He _____ left to go to work.
a. yet
b. still
c. **already**
d. **just**
5. She has _____ spent all her money for this month.
a. yet
b. still
c. **already**
d. **just**
6. Have they eaten breakfast
_____ ?
a. **yet**
b. still
c. already
d. just
7. She _____ hasn't replied to my message.
a. yet
b. **still**
c. already
d. just
8. She _____ called him!
a. yet
b. still
c. **already**
d. **just**
9. They have _____ seen Lord of the Rings.
a. yet
b. still
c. **already**
d. **just**
10. He hasn't done his assignment
_____.
a. **yet**
b. still
c. already
d. just





11. We _____ haven't left the airport.

- a. yet
- b. still**
- c. already
- d. just

14. We _____ left the park to go home.

- a. yet
- b. still
- c. already
- d. just**

12. My client hasn't arrived _____.

- a. yet**
- b. still
- c. already
- d. just

15. The cake _____ hasn't risen.

- a. yet
- b. still**
- c. already
- d. just

13. We're late! The train has _____ left!

- a. yet
- b. still
- c. already**
- d. just

16. Has she gone to work _____ ?

- a. yet**
- b. still
- c. already
- d. just

3 COMPLETE: DIALOGUES

Task: Complete the dialogues with *just*, *yet*, *still* or *already*.

Jonah: Hi Sandra! Have you bought the tickets **yet**?

Sandra: Hi! Yes, I have **already** bought them. What time are you leaving for the show?

Jonah: I have **just** left the house. I am heading to the theatre!

Sandra: Great. I am **still** at home, but I will leave in the next 5 minutes. See you then!

Dialogue 2:

Nico: I'm hungry. Have you had dinner **yet**?

Angela: Yes, I've **just** eaten pasta. Do you want some?

Nico: Yes, please. Have you warmed it up **already**?

Angela: Yes, it is **still** warm.

4 FIX THE MISTAKES

Can you identify and correct the mistakes in the sentences below?

Be careful, not all sentences contain mistakes.

1. I haven't started work **yet**.
2. She **still** hasn't received his email.
3. Have you gone to bed **yet**?
4. They **already** moved in.
5. They have **already** finished their homework.
6. He has **already** registered.
7. She **just** received the call - a few minutes ago!
8. They **still** haven't come home.
9. Is it 21:00 **already**?
10. We haven't spoken to her **yet**.
11. I **already** finished my homework.
12. Have you already eaten dinner?
13. She **still** hasn't replied to my message.
14. Have they finished their project **yet**?
15. I **already** saw that movie last night.
16. Is the cake ready **yet**?
17. He **already** knows the answer.
18. I'm **still** waiting for the bus.
19. She **just** arrived at the airport.



5 WRITING QUESTIONS

Use the clues to write questions.

Example: Your friend has a new job. Maybe she has started. You ask her.
Have you started your new job yet?

1. Your parents have some new neighbours. Maybe they have met them. Write a question to ask them.

Have you met your new neighbours yet?

2. Your roommate has to pay the electricity bill. Maybe she has paid for it. Write a question to ask her.

Have you paid the electricity bill yet?

3. John has been trying to sell his car. Maybe he has sold it. Write a question to ask him.

Have you sold your car yet?

4. Sammy wants to buy flight tickets to go to Paris. Maybe she has bought them. Write a question to ask her.

Have you bought flight tickets to Paris yet?

5. You want to borrow a drill. Your friend bought a drill one year ago, so you need to check he has still got it. Write a question to ask him.

Have you still got that drill you bought a year ago?



6 READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Read the following text about John's plans for the day.

John woke up early, feeling refreshed. He had already completed his morning workout and had breakfast. As he drank his coffee, and reviewed his plans for the day.

He had just received an email from his boss, reminding him of an important meeting at 10 AM. John knew he had to prepare for it, yet he still had a task to complete before then. He quickly checked his to-do list and saw that he had just one more report to finish.

After finishing the report, John left for the office. It was still early, and the streets were quiet. He arrived at work with plenty of time to spare, and he could already see his colleagues preparing for the meeting.

The meeting went smoothly, and John felt relieved. He checked his phone and saw a message from his friend, Sarah. She had just invited him to a dinner party later in the evening. Although he was tired from the busy day, he didn't want to miss out on the fun.

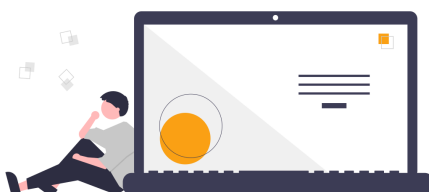
After work, John went home to shower and change his clothes. He knew he had a busy evening ahead, yet he was excited about the dinner party. He still had a lot to do before the night was over, but he was determined to enjoy every moment of it.

Task 2: Complete the following tasks.

1. Underline all of the times "just", "yet", "already" and "still" are used in the text.
2. Can you explain why "just", "yet", "already" and "still" are used each time?
3. How did John feel when he woke up in the morning?
4. What had John already done before drinking his coffee?
5. What important reminder did John receive from his boss via email?
6. What task did John still need to complete before the meeting at 10 AM?
7. What did John see when he arrived at the office?
8. How did John feel about Sarah's invitation to the dinner party, despite his busy day?

Task 3: Complete the following task.

- a. Describe your day yesterday in the same style as the text. Use "just", "yet", "already" and "still".



7 QUESTION ROUND

Task: Answer the questions below, using the present perfect tense in your answers.

Although you could answer some with yes or no, try to expand on each answer.

1. Have you just started a new hobby or activity?
2. Have you accomplished any of your New Year's resolutions yet?
3. Have you already visited some new places this year?
4. Have you still not achieved your career goals?
5. Have you just discovered a new book or series that you're excited about?
6. Have you already completed all your tasks for the day, or do you still have some things on your to-do list?
7. Have you just had a major life change, like moving to a new city or starting a family?
8. Have you still not tried a certain type of cuisine or food that others love?
9. Have you just learned a valuable lesson or skill that you'd like to share with others?
10. Have you already achieved a personal milestone or accomplishment that you're proud of?
11. Have you still not visited a famous tourist attraction in your own city or country?
12. Have you already taken steps to reduce your environmental footprint?
13. Have you just started a new job or project?
14. Have you already achieved a significant fitness milestone, like running a marathon?
15. Do you still believe in the importance of traditional education in a world where online learning and remote work are becoming increasingly popular?
16. Have you already set any goals for the upcoming year?



HOMework

1 REARRANGE THE WORDS

Task: Rearrange the following words to create grammatically correct sentences.

Answers on the following page.

1. yet / I / my / finished / haven't / homework
2. her / lunch / She / ate / already
3. still / Are / project / on / you / working / that
4. at / a / He / promotion / received / work / just
5. reading / Have / finished / the / you / yet / book
6. I've / movie / twice / already / seen / that
7. to / hasn't / still / She / email / my / replied
8. to / I / learning / just / started / guitar / how / play / the
9. He's / the / already / gone / to / store
10. haven't / her / seen / yet / today / I
11. just / They / their / moved / new / into / house
12. still / sick / you / feeling / Are
13. puzzle / the / I've / completed / of / already / half
14. got / her / driver's / license / just / She
15. haven't / tried / yet / new / restaurant / the / I
16. still / fix / needs / He / to / car / his
17. just / met / him / yesterday / I
18. already / trip / packed / Have / the / for / you



Correct answers:

1. I haven't finished my homework yet.
2. She already ate her lunch.
3. Are you still working on that project
4. He just received a promotion at work.
5. Have you finished reading the book yet
6. I've already seen that movie twice.
7. She still hasn't replied to my email.
8. I just started learning how to play the guitar.
9. He's already gone to the store.
10. I haven't seen her yet today.
11. They just moved into their new house.
12. Are you still feeling sick
13. I've already completed half of the puzzle.
14. She just got her driver's licence.
15. I haven't tried the new restaurant yet.
16. He still needs to fix his car.
17. I just met him yesterday.
18. Have you already packed for the trip

