

# just, already, and yet (present perfect and simple past 2)

## A

**Just** = a short time ago

We use **just** with the *present perfect* or the *simple past*.

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: Yes, they've **just arrived**. or  
Yes, they **just arrived**.
- A: Are you hungry?  
B: No, I've **just had** dinner. or  
I **just had** dinner.
- A: Is Tom here?  
B: No, sorry, he's **just left**. or  
He **just left**.



They have **just arrived**.

## B

**Already** = before you expected / before I expected

We use **already** with the *present perfect* or the *simple past*.

- A: What time are Diane and Paul coming?  
B: They've **already arrived**. or  
They **already arrived**.
- It's only 9:00 and Anna **has already gone** to bed.  
or ... Anna **already went** to bed.  
(= before I expected)
- A: Jon, this is Emma.  
B: Yes, I know. We've **already met**. or  
We **already met**.



## C

**Yet** = until now

We use **yet** with the *present perfect* or the *simple past*. We use **yet** in negative sentences and questions. **Yet** is usually at the end.

**yet** in *negative sentences*

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: No, they **haven't arrived yet**. or  
... they **didn't arrive yet**.  
(but B expects Diane and Paul to arrive soon)
- A: Does James know that you're going away?  
B: No, I **haven't told him yet**. or  
... I **didn't tell him yet**.  
(but B is going to tell him soon)
- Silvia has bought a new dress, but she **hasn't worn it yet**. or ... she **didn't wear it yet**.

**yet** in *questions*

- A: **Have** Diane and Paul **arrived yet**? or  
**Did** Diane and Paul **arrive yet**?  
B: No, not yet. We're still waiting for them.
- A: **Has** Nicole **started** her new job **yet**? or  
**Did** Nicole **start** her new job **yet**?  
B: No, she's starting next week.
- A: This is my new dress.  
B: Oh, it's nice. **Have** you **worn it yet**? or  
**Did** you **wear it yet**?



The film **hasn't started yet**.



## 20.1 Write a sentence with *just* for each picture.



1. They've just arrived.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_
3. They \_\_\_\_\_
4. The race \_\_\_\_\_

## 20.2 Complete the sentences. Use *already* + present perfect.

- What time is Paul arriving?
- Do your friends want to see the movie?
- Don't forget to call Tom.
- When is Martin going to work?
- Do you want to read the newspaper?
- When does Sarah start her new job?

He's already arrived.

No, they \_\_\_\_\_ it.

I \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_

She \_\_\_\_\_

## 20.3 Rewrite these sentences. Use the present perfect.

- Did Sarah start her new job yet? Has Sarah started her new job yet?
- Did you tell your father about the accident yet? \_\_\_\_\_
- I just ate a big dinner, so I'm not hungry. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jenny can watch TV because she already did her homework. \_\_\_\_\_
- You can't go to bed – you didn't brush your teeth yet. \_\_\_\_\_
- You can't talk to Pete because he just went home. \_\_\_\_\_
- Nicole just got out of the hospital, so she can't go to work. \_\_\_\_\_

### Now rewrite these sentences in the simple past.

- Have you given the post office our new address yet?  
Did you give the post office our new address yet?
- The mail carrier hasn't come yet. \_\_\_\_\_
- I've just spoken to your sister. \_\_\_\_\_
- Has Mario bought a new computer yet? \_\_\_\_\_
- Ted and Alice haven't told anyone they're getting married yet. \_\_\_\_\_
- We've already done our packing for our trip. \_\_\_\_\_
- I've just swum a mile. I feel great! \_\_\_\_\_

## 20.4 Write questions with the present perfect and *yet*.

- Your friend has a new job. Perhaps she has started it. You ask her:  
Have you started your new job yet?
- Your friend has some new neighbors. Maybe he has met them. You ask him:  
\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?
- Your friend has to pay her phone bill. Perhaps she has paid it. You ask her:  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- Tom was trying to sell his car. Maybe he has sold it. You ask a friend about Tom.  
\_\_\_\_\_?