

still yet already

A

Still

an hour ago



An hour ago it was raining.

now



It is **still** raining now.

still = something is the same as before:

- I had a lot to eat, but I'm **still** hungry. (= I was hungry before, and I'm hungry now)
- "Did you sell your car?" "No, I **still** have it."
- "Do you **still** live in Los Angeles?" "No, I live in San Francisco now."

B

Yet

20 minutes ago



Twenty minutes ago they were waiting for Bill.

now



They are **still** waiting for Bill. Bill **hasn't** come yet.

yet = until now

We use **yet** in *negative* sentences (He **hasn't** come yet.) and in *questions* (**Has** he come yet?).

Yet is usually at the end of a sentence:

- A: Where's Emma?
B: She **isn't** here **yet**. (= she will be here, but until now she hasn't come)
- A: What are you doing tonight?
B: I **don't** know **yet**. (= I will know later, but I don't know now)
- A: Are you ready to go **yet**?
B: **Not yet**. In a minute. (= I will be ready, but I'm not ready now)
- A: Have you decided what to do **yet**?
B: No, I'm still thinking about it.

Compare **yet** and **still**:

- She hasn't left **yet**. = She's **still** here. (*not* she is yet here)
- I haven't finished my homework **yet**. = I'm **still** doing it.

C

Already = earlier than expected:

- "What time is Joe coming?" "He's **already** here." (= earlier than we expected)
- "I'm going to tell you what happened." "That's not necessary. I **already** know."
- Sarah isn't coming to the movies with us. She has **already** seen the film.

96.1 You meet Tina. The last time you saw her was two years ago. You ask her some questions with *still*.

Tina – two years ago

1. I play the piano.

4. I'm studying Japanese.

2. I have an old car.

5. I go to the movies a lot.

3. I'm a student.

6. I want to be a teacher.



1. Do you still play the piano?
2. Do you _____
3. Are _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

96.2 Write three sentences for each situation. Look at the example carefully.

before

now

1.



- (before) They were waiting for the bus.
 (still) They are still waiting.
 (yet) The bus hasn't come yet.

2. I'm looking for a job.



- (before) He was _____
 (still) He _____
 (yet) _____ yet.

3.



- (before) She _____ asleep.
 (still) _____
 (yet) _____

4.



- (before) They _____
 (still) _____
 (yet) _____

96.3 Write questions with *yet*.

1. You and Sue are going out together. You are waiting for her to get ready. Maybe she is ready now. You ask her: Are you ready yet?
2. You are waiting for Helen to arrive. She wasn't here 10 minutes ago. Maybe she is here now. You ask somebody: _____ Helen _____
3. Anna had a blood test and is waiting for the results. Maybe she has gotten her results. You ask her: _____ you _____
4. A few days ago you spoke to Tom. He wasn't sure where to go for his vacation. Maybe he has decided. You ask him: _____

96.4 Complete the sentences. Use *already*.

1. What time is Joe coming?
2. Do you and Joe want to see the movie?
3. I have to see Julia before she leaves.
4. Do you need a pen?
5. Should I pay the bill?
6. Should I tell Paul about the meeting?

He's already here.
 No, we 've already seen it.
 It's too late. She _____ .
 No, thanks. I _____ one.
 No, that's OK. I _____ .
 No, he _____ . I told him.