

52 Present perfect with *just*, *already*, *yet*



1 *just*

We use *just* with the present perfect to talk about things that happened a short time ago:
*The plane **has just landed**.* (a few minutes ago)
*The play **has just started** – you can't go in now.*



We put *just* before the past participle:

- ~~✗ *The match has finished just.*~~
- ~~✗ *The match just has finished.*~~
- ✓ *The match **has just finished**.*

2 *already*, *yet*

We can use *already* and *yet* with the present perfect.

- *Already* means 'before now'. We use it in positive sentences when something happens before you expect it:

*You've missed the match. It's **already finished**.*

We usually put *already* before the past participle:

*Graham's train **has already arrived**.*

*You don't need to wash the dishes. I've **already done** them.*

- *Yet* means 'by now'. We use it in questions to ask about something we are expecting to happen:

***Has the six o'clock train arrived yet?** It's five past six and I haven't seen it.*

We also use *yet* in negative sentences when we expected something to happen before now:

*Our burgers **haven't come yet**. We ordered them nearly half an hour ago!*

We usually put *yet* at the end of a question or negative statement:

Has the match finished yet?

I haven't read this book yet.



We don't use *yet* in positive sentences or *already* in negative sentences:

- ~~✗ *I've paid for the meal yet.*~~ ✓ *I've **already** paid for the meal.*
- ~~✗ *The parcel hasn't arrived already.*~~ ✓ *The parcel **hasn't arrived yet**.*

Practice

1 Write a sentence after each statement. Use *just* + the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets (). Use short forms.

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| 0 Her hair's wet. (wash) | She's <i>just washed her hair</i> . |
| 1 He hasn't got any money. (spend) | He's |
| 2 There's no one at home. (leave) | They |
| 3 There aren't any crisps left. (eat) | I |
| 4 They're giving him a prize. (win) | He |
| 5 She's watching TV now. (turn on) | She |
| 6 Lorenzo is here now. (arrive) | He |

2 Write the words again in the correct order.

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| 0 has landed yet plane Their not | <i>Their plane has not landed yet.</i> |
| 1 fed cat I already have the | |
| 2 Have phone bill the you yet paid ? | |
| 3 arrived post The just has | |
| 4 We yet had any not have news | |
| 5 already shopping done I the have all | |
| 6 Keira yet Has new job her started ? | |

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Write *just*, *already* or *yet* in the text below.



WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN and World records, Paula Radcliffe has (0) *already* achieved a lot in long-distance running. It's true that she hasn't won an Olympic race (1), but she has won almost everything else, including the 5,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games and the 10,000 metres at the European events. But she is most famous for the longest race – the marathon. She has (2) won the London

Marathon three times. She had a baby earlier this year and has (3) returned to competitions – only a month ago – but she has (4) won an important race, the New York Marathon. Is she the greatest ever female long-distance runner? Well, perhaps she hasn't proved that (5), but she has (6) become one of the most popular sportswomen in the United Kingdom.

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4 Write three sentences about what you have done or not done today.

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| 1 What have you just done? | <i>I've just</i> |
| 2 What have you already done? | |
| 3 What haven't you done yet? | |