

9 Present perfect with *already* and *yet*



Language focus

Use **present perfect** with **already** to talk about actions which have happened before now. **Already** means 'before now' or 'before this time'.

This is the form of the sentence: **has / have + already + past participle**

I've already seen the new Star Wars film.

Already is also used to express surprise that something has happened so soon.

Jane is only ten, but she has already won twenty swimming competitions.

Use **present perfect** with **yet** to talk about actions which haven't happened up to now. **Yet** means 'up to now' or 'up to this moment in time'.

This is the form of the sentence: **hasn't / haven't + past participle + yet**

I haven't seen the new Star Wars film yet.

1 Write the past participles.

- 1 be been
- 2 go _____
- 3 do _____
- 4 have _____
- 5 see _____

- 6 make _____
- 7 write _____
- 8 read _____
- 9 learn _____
- 10 eat _____

2 Complete the sentences with the past participles from Activity 1 and yet or already.

- 1 My parents have travelled all over the world, but they haven't been to New Zealand yet.
- 2 Neil is incredible! He's _____ English, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.
- 3 What a week! We've _____ exams in French, Geography and Science.
- 4 I haven't _____ the cake _____. Would you like to help me?
- 5 I don't want anything, thanks. I've _____ lunch.
- 6 Joby's _____ out. He decided to go earlier than planned.
- 7 I haven't _____ that new cartoon about pirates _____.
- 8 Hannah's _____ half of her story for the English class.
- 9 Sorry, I can't come to the park now. I haven't _____ my homework _____.
- 10 I've just finished reading *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, but my sister hasn't _____ the first book _____.

3 Complete the text with the verbs from the box in the correct form and yet or already.

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Mr Hannon said, 'Write about your experiences for homework.' I said, 'Mr Hannon, I'm only twelve. I don't think I've (1) had any experiences yet.' Mr Hannon laughed. 'Of course you have,' he said. 'Have a think about it.'

I've (2) _____ about it, and I guess I have had some experiences. For example, I've (3) _____ my right leg twice, but I hope I don't do it a third time. Oh, and I've (4) _____ to the moon. I went last Wednesday, but only in a dream.

I've (5) _____ 114 books (yes, I am counting) and I've (6) _____ four stories about a sad mouse called Richard, and the local newspaper has published them all. 'Well,' said Mr Hannon when I showed him my homework. 'You see? You've already experienced a lot. You just had to think about it.'

4 Write about your experiences.

- 1 I've already _____.
- 2 I've already _____.
- 3 I've already _____.
- 4 I've already _____.
- 5 I haven't _____ yet.
- 6 I haven't _____ yet.
- 7 I haven't _____ yet.
- 8 I haven't _____ yet.