

Signal Words

already

It's used in affirmative sentences. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → Homework is finished. I've already done it.

yet

It's used in negative and interrogative sentences. It's placed at the end of the sentence. → Have you finished your task yet? Not yet, sorry.

just

It's used in affirmative sentences. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → Look, he has just arrived. It was five minutes ago.

still

It's used in negative sentences. It's placed before the auxiliary verb with the Present Perfect. → She still hasn't seen it.

ever

It's mostly used in questions. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → Have you ever eaten snails?

never

It's used in affirmative sentences - it makes the sentence negative. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → I've never eaten snails before.

for

It indicates a period of time. → I haven't seen him for a year.

since

It indicates a specific point in time. → I haven't seen him since Christmas.

lately / so far

→ He has bought his car lately. (= recently)
→ I've done three exercises so far. (= until now / up to now)

Present Perfect Simple

1. Complete the sentences. Use the Present Perfect Simple with already or yet.

- 1) We're too late! The bus _____ . (leave)
- 2) I won't have much free time this weekend. I _____ . (not do / my art project)
- 3) Can you see the notice board? _____ ? (the plane / land)?
- 4) Come on! I can hear the band. The concert _____ . (start)
- 5) Steve must be in Paris now, but we _____ . (not hear / from him)

2. Complete the sentences. Use verbs in the Present Perfect Simple with just.

- 1) My hair is wet because I _____ a shower.
- 2) Everyone's coming out of the cinema. The film _____ .
- 3) Mike and Lisa will be here soon. Their train _____ at the station.
- 4) I'm feeling great! I _____ the first prize in the competition.

3. Write questions in the Present Perfect Simple with ever. Then complete the short answers.

- 1) you / taste / Thai food? A: _____
- 2) B: No, _____ .
- 3) the kids / be / to Rome? A: _____
- 4) B: No, _____ .
- 5) your sister / see / a shark? A: _____
- 6) B: Yes, _____ .
- 7) Jack / ride / a horse? A: _____
- 8) B: No, _____ .

4. Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect Simple of the verbs below. Then underline for or since.

not meet • not work • play • spend • study • travel

- 1) We _____ our friends for / since 5 years.
- 2) _____ (they) their holidays here for / since 2003?
- 3) Peter _____ in that factory for / since more than one year.
- 4) Some students _____ handball for / since they were children.
- 5) _____ (she) English for / since a long time?
- 6) _____ (you, ever) to Italy for / since a few weeks?