

GRAMMAR: *JUST*

- a** Look at the different meanings of *just* (in 1–4).
Read the example sentences. Match the meanings of *just* in sentences a–d with meanings 1–4.

1 ☐ = *a short time ago*

I've **just** got home from work. I need a rest!

2 ☐ = *only*

He doesn't understand money. He's **just** a child.

3 ☐ = *almost not*

I ran to the station and I **just** caught my train.

4 ☐ = *soon*

Hang on! I'm **just** coming.

- a The tickets cost **just** a few dollars.
- b I'm **just** finishing this email – I'll be ready in one minute.
- c Sorry, he's **just** left – he was here a minute ago.
- d You can **just** see the sea from my window, but it's very far away.

- b** Match sentences (1–5) with replies (a–e).

1 ☐ She looks **just like** her sister.

2 ☐ I think the books cost **just under** £10.

3 ☐ The flight is three hours long.

4 ☐ I've **just about** finished my work.

5 ☐ Look at that rain.

- a Yes, they're £9.80. I checked.
- b Yes – we got home **just in time**!
- c That's good. We need to leave in five minutes.
- d Really? It was **just over** two hours when I went.
- e Of course – they're twins!

- c** Complete the sentences with expressions from 3b.

- 1 Michele leaves home at 8 am and arrives at work at 8.25.
It takes him _____ half an hour to get there.
- 2 Steven looks _____ his brother – they're both tall and they've both got black hair.
- 3 I normally arrive _____ when I get a train or plane.
I never arrive early!
- 4 My electricity bill is always _____ €50. This time it's €51.20.
- 5 The new university building is _____ ready – we'll have lessons there next month.