Activity 8

Present Perfect with: ´already´, ´just´ and ´yet´

Grammar explanation:

We often use *just*, *yet* and *already* with the present perfect because they are related to the present moment.

just

Just used with the present perfect means 'a short time before'.

*I've **just** seen Susan coming out of the cinema.*
*Mike's **just** called. Can you ring him back, please?*
*Have you **just** taken my pen?!*

Just comes between the auxiliary verb (*have/has*) and the past participle.

yet

Yet used with the present perfect means 'at any time up to now'. We use it to emphasise that we expect something to happen soon. *Yet* (in this context) is only used in negative sentences and questions.

*Have you finished your homework **yet**?*
*I haven't finished it **yet**. I'll do it after dinner.*
*A. Where's Sam? B: He hasn't arrived **yet**.*

Yet comes at the end of the sentence or question.

already

Already used with the present perfect means 'before now'. We use it to emphasise that something happened before something else or earlier than expected.

*I've **already** spent my salary and it's two weeks before payday.*
He wanted to see ´Sudden Risk´ *but I've **already** seen it.*
*The train's left **already**!*

Already can come between the auxiliary and the main verb or at the end of the clause.

Examples:

*I've **just** seen Leo. He's really enjoying his new job.*
*We haven't decided what to do **yet**.*
*I've **already** had lunch but I'll join you for coffee.*

Source: 'just', 'yet', 'still' and 'already' | Grammar - Intermediate to upper intermediate | British Council

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Complete the sentences using *already*, *just* or *yet* and the

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