

# I've just ... I've already ... I haven't ... yet (present perfect 2)

## A I've just ...



They **have just arrived**.

**just** = a short time ago

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: Yes, they've **just arrived**.
- A: Are you hungry?  
B: No, I've **just had** dinner.
- A: Is Tom here?  
B: No, I'm afraid he's **just gone**.  
(= he **has** just gone)

## B I've already ...



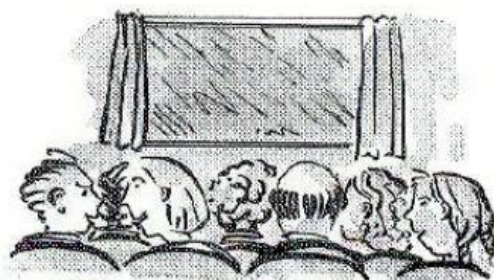
**already** = before you expected / before I expected

- A: What time are Diane and Paul coming?  
B: They've **already arrived**. (= before you expected)
- It's only nine o'clock and Ann **has already gone** to bed. (= before I expected)
- A: John, this is Mary.  
B: Yes, I know. We've **already met**.

## C I haven't ... yet / Have you ... yet?

**yet** = until now

You can use **yet** in negative sentences and questions. **Yet** is usually at the end.



The film **hasn't started yet**.

**yet** in negative sentences:

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: No, they **haven't arrived yet**.  
(but B expects Diane and Paul to arrive soon)
- A: Does John know that you're going away?  
B: No, I **haven't told** him yet.  
(but B is going to tell him soon)
- Margaret has bought a new dress but she **hasn't worn it yet**.

**yet** in questions:

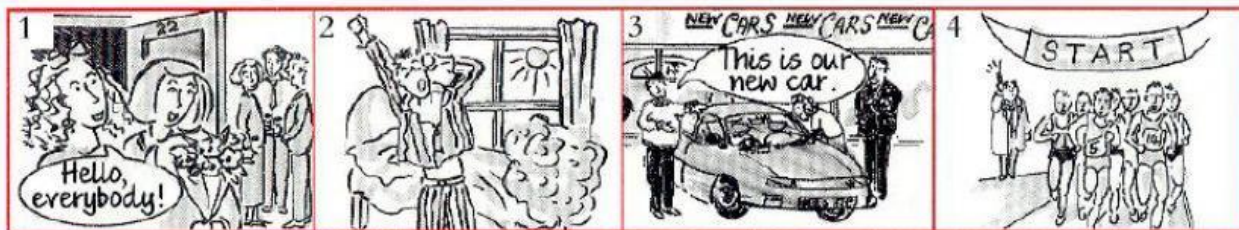
- A: **Have** Diane and Paul **arrived yet**?  
B: No, not yet. We're still waiting for them.
- A: **Has** Linda **started** her new job **yet**?  
B: No, she starts next week.
- A: This is my new dress.  
B: Oh, it's nice. **Have you worn it yet**?





# EXERCISES

**16.1** Write a sentence with **just** for each picture.



- 1 They've just arrived.  
2 He .....  
3 They .....  
4 The race .....

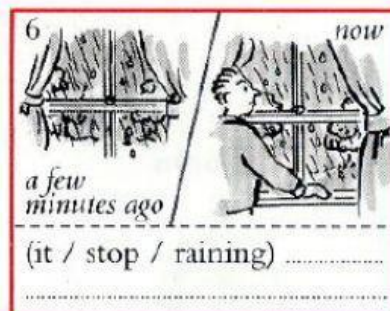
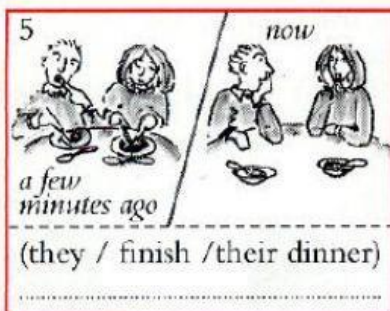
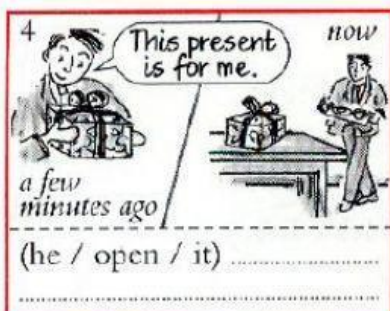
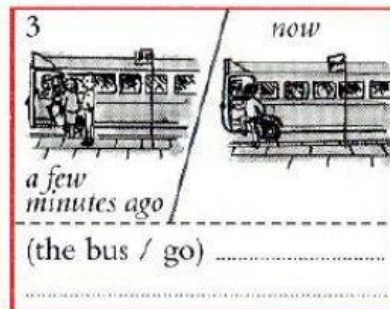
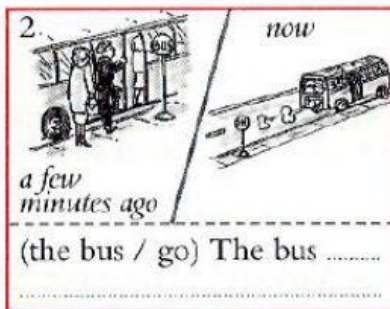
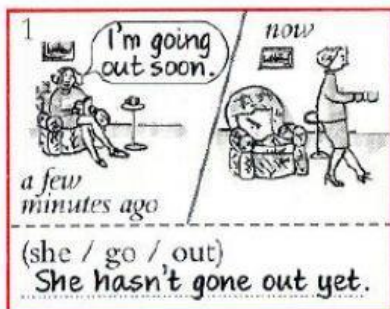
**16.2** Complete the sentences. Use **already** + present perfect.

- 1 What time is Paul arriving?  
2 Do Sue and Bill want to see the film?  
3 Don't forget to phone Tom.  
4 When is Martin going away?  
5 Do you want to read the newspaper?  
6 When does Linda start her new job?

He's already arrived.

- No, they ..... it.  
I .....  
He .....  
I .....  
She .....

**16.3** Write a sentence with **just** (They've just ... / She's just ... etc.) or a negative sentence with **yet** (They haven't ... yet / She hasn't ... yet etc.).



**16.4** Write questions with **yet**.

- 1 Your friend has got a new job. Perhaps she has started it. You ask her:  
Have you started your new job yet?  
2 Your friend has some new neighbours. Perhaps he has met them. You ask him:  
you .....  
3 Your friend must write a letter. Perhaps she has written it now. You ask her:  
.....  
4 Tom was trying to sell his car. Perhaps he has sold it now. You ask a friend about Tom:  
.....



# I have done (present perfect) and I did (past simple)

**A** With a *finished time* (**yesterday / last week etc.**), we use the past (**arrived/saw/was etc.**):

*past simple + finished time*

We <b>arrived</b>	yesterday. last week. at 3 o'clock. in 1991. six months ago.
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Do *not* use the present perfect (**have arrived / have done / have been etc.**) with a finished time:

- I **saw** Paula **yesterday**. (not 'I have seen')
- Where **were** you **on Sunday afternoon**? (not 'Where have you been')
- We **didn't have** a holiday **last year**. (not 'We haven't had')
- 'What **did** you **do last night**?' 'I **stayed** at home.'
- William Shakespeare **lived from 1564 to 1616**. He **was** a writer. He **wrote** many plays and poems.

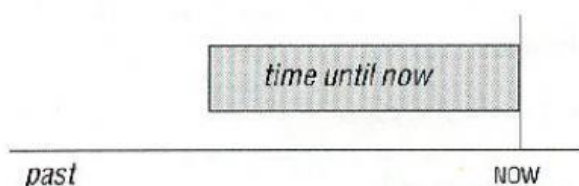
Use the past simple to ask **When ... ?** or **What time ... ?**:

- **When did** they **arrive**? (not 'When have they arrived?')

**B** Compare:

*present perfect*

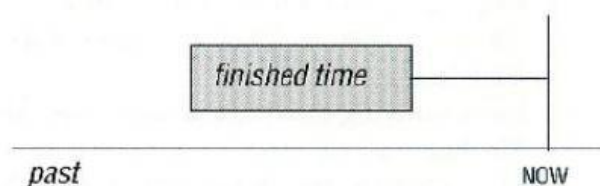
- I **have lost** my key.  
(= I can't find it *now*)
- Bill **has gone** home.  
(= he isn't here *now*)
- **Have** you **seen** Ann?  
(= where is she *now*?)



- **Have** you **ever been** to Spain?  
(= in your life, until *now*)
- My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books.
- The letter **hasn't arrived** yet.
- We **'ve lived** in Singapore for six years.  
(= we live there *now*)

*past simple*

- I **lost** my key **last week**.
- Bill **went** home **ten minutes ago**.
- **Did** you **see** Ann **on Saturday**?



- **Did** you **go** to Spain **last year**?
- Shakespeare **wrote** many plays and poems.
- The letter **didn't arrive** **yesterday**.
- We **lived** in Glasgow for six years but now we live in Singapore.

# EXERCISES

**20.1** Use the words in brackets (...) to answer the questions.

- 1 Have you seen Ann?
- 2 Have you started your new job?
- 3 Have your friends arrived?
- 4 Has Sarah gone away?
- 5 Have you worn your new shoes?

(5 minutes ago)  
(last week)  
(at 5 o'clock)  
(on Friday)  
(yesterday)

Yes, I saw her 5 minutes ago.  
Yes, I ..... last week.  
Yes, they .....  
Yes, .....  
Yes, .....

**20.2** Right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong. (The verbs are underlined.)

- 1 I've lost my key. I can't find it.
- 2 Have you seen Ann yesterday?
- 3 I've finished my work at 2 o'clock.
- 4 I'm ready now. I've finished my work.
- 5 What time have you finished your work?
- 6 Sue isn't here. She's gone out.
- 7 Jim's grandmother has died in 1989.
- 8 Where have you been last night?

RIGHT

WRONG: Did you see

**20.3** Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 My friend is a writer. He has written (write) many books.
- 2 We didn't have (not/have) a holiday last year.
- 3 I ..... (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
- 4 What time ..... (you/go) to bed last night?
- 5 ..... (you/ever/meet) a famous person?
- 6 The weather ..... (not/be) very good yesterday.
- 7 My hair is wet. I ..... (just/wash) it.
- 8 I ..... (wash) my hair before breakfast this morning.
- 9 Kathy travels a lot. She ..... (visit) many countries.
- 10 'Is Sonia here?' 'No, she ..... (not/come) yet.'

**20.4** Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

<p>1 A: <u>Have you ever been</u> (you/ever/be) to Florida? B: Yes, we <u>went</u> (go) there on holiday two years ago. A: ..... (you/have) a good time? B: Yes, it ..... (be) great.</p>	<p>3 Rose works in a factory. She ..... (work) there for six months. Before that she ..... (be) a waitress in a restaurant. She ..... (work) there for two years but she ..... (not/enjoy) it very much.</p>
<p>2 A: Where's Alan? ..... (you/see) him? B: Yes, he ..... (go) out a few minutes ago. A: And Julia? B: I don't know. I ..... (not/see) her.</p>	<p>4 A: Do you know Martin's sister? B: I ..... (see) her a few times but I ..... (never/speak) to her. .... (you/ever/speak) to her? A: Yes. I ..... (meet) her at a party last week. She's very nice.</p>