

Present Perfect: use of just, already and yet

I've just ...

just= a short time ago.

- "Where's Anna?"
- "Are you hungry?"
- "Is Tom here?"

- "She's just woken up."
- "No, I've just had dinner."
- "No, I'm afraid he's just gone out."

I've already ...

already= before you expected

- "What time does the film start?"
- "What time is Bill coming?"
- "John, this is Emma."

- "It has already started."
- "He's already arrived."
- "Yes, I know. We've already met."

I haven't ... yet.

yet= until now (negative sentences)

- "Oh no! We've missed the train"
- "Is Tom here?"
- "What's this book about?"

- "Don't worry. It hasn't left yet."
- "No, he hasn't arrived yet."
- "I don't know. I haven't read it yet."

Have you ... yet?

yet= until now (questions)

- "Have they arrived yet?"
- "Has Paul started his new job yet?"
- "This is my new bike."

- "No, not yet."
- "No, he starts in July."
- "Have you ridden it yet?"

1 Complete the sentences using already + present perfect.

- What time is Paul arriving?
- Do you want to see the film?
- Don't forget to phone Tom?
- When is Mark going away?
- When do they start the new job?
- When do you want to use the car?

He's already arrived.

2 Write sentences with just or a negative sentences with yet.

- (she/go/out)☒
- (they/ leave)☒
- (Jack/read/the play)☒
- (It/start/to rain)☒
- (The kids/go to bed)☒
- (They/come home)☒
- (We/finish/the test)☒

She hasn't gone out yet.

They've just left.

3 Write questions with yet.

a. Your friend has a new job. Perhaps she has started it.

Have you started your new job yet?

b. Tom wants to sell his laptop. Perhaps he has sold it.

c. Willy wanted to see the Taj Mahal. Perhaps he's seen it.

d. Your friend has new neighbours. Perhaps he has met them.
