

- 1 a Look at the pairs of sentences. Which reports do they come from? Which report is not included?
- 1 a We've **already** had three major fires this year, and it's only February! **Report**
 - b People have lost their homes, their businesses, but luckily no one's lost their life—**yet!**
 - 2 a We haven't seen anything like it... **Report**
 - b We've built new evacuation sites...
 - 3 a Have you ever seen a shark attack?
 - b No, I haven't. I've seen sharks in the waters, and they come up really close to the shore. But we've always been able to warn people in time. I've never actually seen one attack a person. **Report**
- Not included..... **Report**

b Look at the sentences again. Underline the verbs in the present perfect. Match the pairs of sentences in 1a to times a–c and answer the questions.

- a since December 2004
 - b during the last two months
 - c during the speaker's life
- 1 Are these periods of time...
 - a) finished? b) continuing up to the present?
 - 2 Are the actions...
 - a) finished? b) continuing in the present?

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

We can use the present perfect simple to talk about a completed action or series of actions that happened during a period of time that ⁽¹⁾has finished / continues up to the present.

There have been three shark attacks in the last month.
(= the past month up to and including today)

We often use the adverbs *always*, *ever* and *never* with the present perfect simple.

Have you ⁽²⁾ seen a shark attack? I've ⁽³⁾ seen a shark attack. (= in my whole life up to today)

We've ⁽⁴⁾ been able to warn people in time. (= in my experience up to today)

a Look at the words in **bold** in sentence 1 in 1a again. Answer the questions.

Which is...

- a) emphasizing that an action has happened before now?
- b) emphasizing that an action has not happened before now?

Which is being used in...

- a) an affirmative sentence?
- b) a negative sentence?

Already & yet

We use the present perfect with *already* or *yet* to emphasize that an action has/hasn't happened before now. We usually use ⁽⁵⁾ in affirmative sentences and ⁽⁶⁾ in negative sentences. We use ⁽⁷⁾ between the auxiliary (*has/have*) and the main verb.

We use ⁽⁸⁾ at the end of the sentence.

There have already been three attacks this year.

Luckily we haven't had any attacks on this beach yet.

We can use *already* and *yet* in questions. There's a difference in the meaning.

Questions with *yet*: *Have you finished yet?* (= I expect you have, I'm just checking.)

Questions with *already*: *Have you already finished?/Have you finished already?* (= I'm surprised, you did that very quickly!)

a Complete the sentences with *already*, *always*, *ever*, *never* and *yet*. More than one answer is possible.

- 1 I've _____ seen snow.
- 2 I've _____ wanted to visit Australia.
- 3 Have you _____ seen a shark?
- 4 I've _____ been to Brazil three times this year.
- 5 We haven't been to Thailand _____ —that's the next place on our trip.
- 6 Have you finished the exercise _____?
- 7 Yes, I've _____ finished it and checked it!