

PRESENT PERFECT, ADVERBS AND PREPOSITIONS



"Have you been waiting long, Sir?"

Structure:

Noun/Pronouns	Have not /has not	Verb in pp	complement
I /You/ We /They	have	been	sick
He /She /It	has	been	sick.

Use of adverbs already & yet

Already To indicate that something has happened earlier. It is used in the mid-position of the sentence, and is usually used with Present Perfect	Yet It is used in negative statements and interrogative sentences. It is always used with Perfect tenses. It is used at the end of the sentence.
I have already been to the United States. I have already seen that movie. We've already coursed five semesters.	I haven't eaten caviar yet . I haven't been in love yet. My family hasn't traveled to Europe Yet . We haven't had a sports car yet .

Exercise 1 Write **already** or **yet** in the correct place.

1. I haven't found a flat _____. Everything around here is so expensive.
2. I've _____ seen this film. Let's watch something else.
3. Have they finished painting your house _____?
4. He's only 22 and he's _____ written a best-selling book
5. I called to make an offer on the flat but it's _____ been sold.
6. Have you eaten _____? If not, we can go to that new Italian place.

Use of prepositions for & since.

Function

To talk about the length of time for a particular action.	Since is only used with the Perfect Tenses.
For = A period.	for ten minutes / for eight hours for five days / for six months for three years / for two centuries I have had piano lessons for ten years. My brother has played football for two years. John and Jenny have been dating for eight months.
Since = A specific date or time in the past.	since 8 o'clock since Monday since February since 1982 since I left school since the last century Peter has collected stamps since 1990. Pam has grown flowers since last year. They have done ballet since 2000.

Exercise2. Choose **for** or **since** in the following sentences.

1. Sam hasn't been here **for** **since** a month.
2. Kate has lived there **for** **since** 2005.
3. Bob has been in Washington **for** **since** Monday.
4. I haven't seen her **for** **since** ages.
5. They have been friends **for** **since** they were kids.
6. She has worked here **for** **since** years.

Use of adverbs already & just

Already	Just
To indicate that something has happened earlier. It is used in the mid-position of the sentence, and is usually used with Present Perfect	To indicate that something happened very recently. It is always used with Perfect tenses. It is used between the auxiliary verb (have/has) and past participle.
I have already been to the United States. I have already seen that movie. We've already coursed five semesters.	I have just come back from the United States. I have just finished my homework. They've just gotten married.

Exercises 3. Fill in the blanks with **just** or **already**.

1. I have _____ heard that Mr. Brown had an accident. His wife called me a minute ago.
2. A: You can't go out before you finish your homework.
B: Oh, mum. I have _____ finished my homework.
3. Teacher: Have you finished answering all the questions?
Student: Yes, teacher. I have _____ completed them.
4. You are too late. I have _____ done the washing up.
5. An accident has _____ happened.

Never	Ever
It is an adverb of frequency, it means: at no time, not ever. It is used after the auxiliary and is usually used with Present Perfect.	It is an adverb, it means at any time. It is used with present perfect in interrogative sentences.
I have never eaten caviar.	Have you ever gotten lost?
I have never been in love.	Have you ever seen the Eiffel Tower?
My family has never traveled to Europe.	Have you ever been abroad?
We have never had a sports car.	

Exercise 4. Choose **never** or **ever** for the following sentences:

1. I have **never** **ever** skated on ice.
2. Have you **never** **ever** gotten lost?
3. I have **never** **ever** been to a foreign country.
4. Have you **never** **ever** seen her performing?
5. I have **never** **ever** seen a ghost.
6. Has Mexico **never** **ever** won the world cup?