Signal words in Present Perfect

Grammar

since Since is used for a specific time.
e.g.: since 8 o'clock
Meaning: _____

for For is used for general periods of time.
e.g.: for two weeks
Meaning: _____

already We use it in affirmative statements. It goes between the auxiliary verb and the perfect participle form.
e.g.: Mary has already baked a cake.
Meaning: _____

yet We use it in interrogative and negative sentences. It goes at the end of the sentence.
e.g.: Have you seen it yet?
Meaning: _____

never You can make the sentence negative if you put never between have/has and the past participle form of the verb. This time you mustn't negate the verb.
e.g. I have never been here.
Meaning: _____

ever Mostly used in interrogative sentences. It goes between have/has and the past participle form.
e.g. Have you ever been here?
Meaning: _____

still It is used in negative sentences in present perfect. It goes before the negative form of the auxiliary verb.
e.g.: I still haven't done it.
Meaning: _____

just It is used in affirmative sentences in present perfect. It goes between have/has and the past participle form.
e.g.: I have just heard it.
Meaning: _____

recently/lately We use it in each sentence. It goes at the end of the sentence.
e.g.: She hasn't been here lately
Meaning: _____

Task 1 - Choose the correct answer.

1) Why haven't you called the doctor _____?
A) already B) yet C) ever D) still

2) Have you _____ been to the Bahamas?
A) lately B) still C) ever D) already

3) I have _____ read your e-mail.
A) just B) ever C) still D) yet

4) We haven't met _____ the summer festival.
A) still B) never C) for D) since

5) The manager _____ hasn't decided what to do.
A) still B) never C) ever D) yet

6) Have you seen him _____?
A) already B) ever C) recently D) still

7) They have had their house _____ two and a half years.
A) already B) for C) since D) still

8) Dan has _____ climbed a mountain. (This is the first time.)
A) yet B) never C) since D) for

9) I have _____ written an article about drug addiction but I have to write one about tourism.
A) already B) still C) since D) yet

10) Prices have gone up _____.
A) for B) still C) yet D) lately

Task 2 - Write the suitable signal words on the lines. There are sentences where more signal words can be used. (Write all possibilities.)

A) already F) never
B) ever G) recently
C) for H) since
D) just I) still
E) lately J) yet

1) Sally has _____ finished his last book. I have _____ read such an interesting novel _____.
2) We _____ haven't received their invitation card.
3) * What a great smell! * I have _____ baked a cake for my children.
4) Our team has had more trainings _____.
5) My mum hasn't had an accident _____ she got her driving licence.
6) Has the prime minister _____ travelled to the USA?
7) They've been on holiday _____ a fortnight.
8) Steve has _____ tried to cheat on a test. He studies hard.
9) I have _____ thought about our possibilities.
10) She hasn't played tennis _____ then.
11) We can have lunch. I have _____ set the table.
12) His uncle has written two books _____.
13) Ms Greene has acted in our theatre _____ a season.
14) My neighbours _____ haven't cut the grass.
15) Dave has _____ been late. He is always on time.
16) Heidi has ridden a bike in the park _____ the end of her last lesson.
17) Have they taken some photos _____?
18) Have you _____ told a lie to your mum?
19) He has _____ found his pen.
20) Jane has seen the doctor _____.

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