

EXERCISE 8

The words *already*, *yet* and *just* have slightly different meanings.

- *already* = before now, or before a particular time in the past

Example:

I've already done it.

= I did it in the past so I don't need/plan to do it again.

- *yet* = before now or before that time

Example:

I haven't done it yet.

= I didn't do it in the past so I still need/plan to do it in the future.

- *just* = a very short time ago

Example:

I've just done it.

= I did it very recently (e.g. in the last few minutes).

A: Hey, I've already/just/yet remembered. We need to hand in our essays tomorrow. Have you started writing yours just/yet ?

B: Actually, I've just/yet started. I started planning it half an hour ago. But I haven't written anything already/just/yet . I'm still thinking about what to write. What about you?

A: I started working on it at the weekend. I've already/just/yet written about half of it, but there's still a lot of work to do.

B: Oh, that's not so bad. And have you planned everything just/yet ?

A: No, I haven't planned the end already/just/yet . I mean, the first half's good, but I don't know what to write for the ending. What about you?

B: I've just/yet told you! I started half an hour ago!

A: Oh, yes, sorry. And what about David? Has he started just/yet ?

B: Started? He's already/just/yet finished! He wrote the whole essay last weekend!