

# Grammar

**since**

Since is used for a specific time.

e.g.: since 8 o'clock

**for**

For is used for general periods of time.

**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.

**yet**

We use it in interrogative and negative sentences. It goes at the end of the sentence.

e.g.: Have you seen it yet?

**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.

**ever**

Mostly used in interrogative sentences. It goes between have/has and the past participle form.

e.g. Have you ever been here?

**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.

**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.

**recently/lately**

We use it in each sentence. It goes at the end of the sentence.

e.g.: She hasn't been here lately.

# Signal words in Present Perfect

## 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  
B) ever  
C) for  
D) just  
E) lately

F) never  
G) recently  
H) since  
I) still  
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 \_\_\_\_?