

Present perfect with *just*



Super Grammar

Use **present perfect with *just*** to talk about something you did a short time ago.
Would you like a sandwich? No, thanks. I've just eaten.

Form these phrases in the following way: *has/have + just + past participle.*
She's just gone out. He's just spoken to them.

1 Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 just / Alicia's / lunch / finished / .
- 2 from / work / back / got / Mum's / just / .
- 3 message / text / a / had / Paul's / just / .
- 4 story / heard / just / the / Dad's / .
- 5 a / just / walk / for / dog / the / Sam's / taken / .
- 6 exam / my / had / results / I've / just / .
- 7 just / home / Tara's / got / .
- 8 History / just / project / her / Sue's / finished / .

Alicia's just finished lunch.

2 Correct the sentences.

- 1 I've just saw the photo you sent me. It's really funny!
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- 2 Alma just finished her Science homework.

- 3 Grandma's just get on the bus.

- 4 Sorry, I just broken the vase.

- 5 My brother have just seen that film. He loved it!

- 6 My sister's just went to bed. She was really tired.

3 Rewrite the sentences with *just* and the present perfect.

- 1 Jack had a drink a moment ago. Jack's just had a drink.
- 2 Mum saw him two minutes ago. _____
- 3 Dad and Grandma went out not long ago. _____
- 4 I ate something a moment ago. _____
- 5 We came back a few minutes ago. _____
- 6 My friends heard the news a couple of minutes ago. _____

4 Write a second sentence with *just* and the present perfect to explain the first sentence.

- 1 I'm sleepy.
I've just woken up.
- 2 I'm not thirsty.

- 3 He's very happy.

- 4 They're not happy.

- 5 She's really tired.

- 6 I'm full.



Reading: a letter



1 Read the letter. Order the information.

Dear Aunt Susan,

I've just received your letter. Thank you for it. I really enjoyed reading it. I will keep writing letters to you, I promise! I know you think I'm going to get bored, but I won't. Lots of my friends talk about how much they want to turn the internet off or put their phones away.

I don't think older people know how much younger people like some of the older, slower ways of doing things. Anyway, I will keep writing!

Dad, Mum and I had a great time on Saturday. We went out for a meal in an Italian restaurant and then we went to theatre. We saw Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was brilliant. There were candles all around the stage and they gave a very special light. There were so many people in the audience! Hundreds and hundreds.

There was a musician playing the lute – what a beautiful instrument – and he spoke to the audience at the beginning and between the acts. The actors were great. Mum said that actors today sometimes do Shakespeare plays dressed in modern clothes, but these actors were all wearing the sort of wigs, tights, masks and costumes of Shakespeare's time.

I was very excited on the way home. I texted all my friends, 'I've just seen a great play!' and then I told Mum and Dad that I wanted to be a theatre director. When we got home, Dad found a copy of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on the shelf. I read half of it before I went to bed!

Would you like to come to the next play we see, Aunt Susan?

Write soon.

Best wishes

Ciaron



- a Ciaron texted his friends.
- b Ciaron received a letter from his aunt Susan.
- c Ciaron went out for a meal.
- d Ciaron started reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- e Ciaron told his parents he wanted to be a director.
- f Ciaron went to the theatre.

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Writing

1 Order the words to make different ways of asking 'How are you?'

1 life / is / how / ?

How is life?

2 are / how / things / ?

3 is / everything / how / ?

4 it / how's / going / ?

5 you / doing / are / how / ?

6 you / right / all / everything / with / is / ?

Help with Writing

Digital technology has made letter writing a thing of the past. However, it is still a good alternative to email and text messages, and gives you the chance to write at length and practise writing by hand.



2 Imagine you are writing a letter in response to one your relative sent you. Use Ciaron's letter to help you. Include the following information:

- Thank your relative for their letter
- Say how you are
- Give your news
- Ask your relative some questions
