

Adverbs used with the present perfect

1 Use *still* and *yet* in negative sentences to emphasise something is not completed but we expect it to happen.

a **still** goes before *have*.

*I **still** haven't decided.*

b **yet** goes at the end of the sentence.

*I haven't decided **yet**.*

2 Use **just** to show something happened very recently.

*I've **just** finished my last exam.*

3 Use **already** to emphasise that something is completed (often before it was expected).

*You don't need to give them any money. I've **already** paid for everything.*

4 Use **so far** at the start (or the end) of a sentence to mean *until now*.

so far, *I've been to four different countries.*

5 Use **even** to show something is surprising.

*He's been everywhere. He's **even** been to Antarctica!*

6 Use **only** to emphasise nothing else has been done.

*I've **only** applied to the two universities I most want to study at.*

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Complete the sentences with the adverbs in brackets.

1 I started building the house two years ago, but I haven't finished it. (still)

2 I'm trying to visit every football ground in the league. I've been to 16. (so far)

3 I've had three job interviews this month, but I haven't heard anything. (already, yet)

4 I've returned from Moldova. I'm trying to visit every country in Europe. There are two I haven't been to now! (just, only)

5 I want to buy a flat, but I've saved €15,000 so far. You can't buy anything for that amount of money. (only)

6 I often go fishing, but I haven't had much luck. I haven't caught a small one for ages now. (lately, even).