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Just, Yet, Still, Already

These words are often used with the **present perfect** tense. **Yet**, **still** and **already** can also be used with other tenses.

### Just

‘Just’ is usually used with the present perfect tense and it means ‘a short time ago’.

- I’ve *just* seen Sarah coming out of the meeting.
- Daniel’s *just* called you. Can you call him back please?
- Have you *just* spoken to Paul? How did it go?

In the present perfect, *just* comes between the auxiliary verb (*have*) and the past participle.

### Yet

‘Yet’ is used to talk about something you expect to happen. It means ‘at any time up to now’. It is used in **questions** and **negatives**.

- Have you finished your report *yet*? (The speaker expects that the report will be finished.)
- I haven’t finished it *yet*. I’ll do it after dinner.

‘Yet’ usually comes at the end of the sentence.

### Still

‘Still’ is used to talk about something that hasn’t finished (**negative** sentences) – especially when we expected it to finish earlier.

- I’ve been waiting for over an hour and my client *still* hasn’t arrived.
- You said you’d give me that report yesterday but you *still* haven’t finished it.

‘Still’ usually comes in ‘mid-position’
**Still** is often used with other tenses as well as the present perfect.

- Are you *still* working for the tech company?

### Already

‘Already’ is used to say that something happened early or earlier than expected.

- I’ve *already* had my performance review.
- Sorry he’s not available, he has *already* left the office.

‘Already’ usually comes in mid-position.