



# Grammar Bank

## 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.