

PRESENT PERFECT: JUST / ALREADY / YET

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Talk about recent actions and what is still unfinished.

1. READ: Getting ready to go out

Read the conversation. Notice the bold phrases with just, already and yet.

Jo: Are you ready? I've **already booked** the tickets.
Max: Almost. I've **just finished** work. Give me five minutes.
Jo: **Have you eaten yet?**
Max: No, I **haven't had** dinner **yet**. Is there time to get something?
Jo: Yes. I've **already checked** the bus times. We can leave at seven.
Max: Great. Let's get a sandwich on the way.

2. GRAMMAR: Recent and unfinished actions

Use the present perfect to connect a completed or unfinished action with the situation now.

Word	Meaning / position	Example
just	Very recently; after have / has	I've just arrived.
already	Before now; after have / has	She's already booked.
yet	Up to now; at the end	Have you finished yet?

Pattern: **have / has + past participle**. Participles: **finish - finished; buy - bought; send - sent**.

Yet is common in questions and negatives: **I haven't finished yet**.

Contrast: **I've just sent it** (very recently); **I've already sent it** (done before now).

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: I have **just** / yet arrived.

1. She has already / yet booked the room.
2. Have you finished just / yet?
3. I haven't eaten dinner just / yet.
4. We have just bought / just buy the tickets.
5. He have / has already called.
6. I have just send / sent it.
7. They haven't / hasn't arrived yet.
8. Has / Have Jo paid yet?

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Before a trip

Use the present perfect and the words in brackets. Use contractions in statements and negatives.

Amy: (1) _____ (you / pack) your bag yet, Dan?

Dan: (2) _____ (I / already / pack) my clothes, but my shoes are still by the door.

Amy: (3) _____ (I / just / find) your passport. Here it is.

Dan: Thanks! (4) _____ (I / not / print) the tickets yet. Do we need paper copies?

Amy: No. (5) _____ (I / already / save) them on my phone.

Dan: Great. (6) _____ (the taxi / just / arrive). Let's go!

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Put the words in order.

Example: just / I've / arrived **I've just arrived.**

1. already / she's / paid

2. you / have / eaten / yet / ?

3-4: Rewrite using the word in brackets. Example: I have finished. (already) **I have already finished.**

3. I haven't called Ben. (yet)

4. They have left. (just)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three true sentences about today. Use just, already and yet once each.

Example: **I've just opened my book. I've already had breakfast. I haven't had lunch yet.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. You are preparing a picnic. Ask: **Have you bought the food yet?**

Give an update using **already**, and agree on what is still needed.

2. Tell your partner something you have **just** done. Ask one follow-up question.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Jo: Yes. I've **already checked** the bus times. We can leave at seven.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. already | 2. yet |
| 3. yet | 4. just bought |
| 5. has | 6. sent |
| 7. haven't | 8. Has |

B. COMPLETE: Before a trip

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| 1. Have you packed | 2. I've already packed |
| 3. I've just found | 4. I haven't printed |
| 5. I've already saved | 6. The taxi's just arrived |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. She's already paid.
2. Have you eaten yet?
3. I haven't called Ben yet.
4. They have just left.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: I've just opened my book. I've already had breakfast. I haven't had lunch yet.

Teacher note: B asks for contractions where possible. C uses the positions taught here; already can also occur at the end in natural speech. Accept sensible personal answers. American English also uses the past simple with just/already/yet.