

# Just, already, and yet (Present Perfect and Simple Past 2)

## A

**just** (= a short time ago)

We use **just** with the *present perfect* or the *simple past*.

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: Yes, they've **just arrived**. or Yes, they **just arrived**.
- A: Are you hungry?  
B: No, I've **just had** dinner. or I **just had** dinner.
- A: Is Jiro here?  
B: Sorry, he's **just left**. or Sorry, he **just left**.



They have **just arrived**.

## B

**already** (= before you expected / before I expected)

We use **already** with the *present perfect* or the *simple past*.

- A: What time are Diane and Paul coming?  
B: They've **already arrived**. or They **already arrived**.
- It's only nine o'clock, and Anne **has already gone** to bed.  
or ... Anne **already went** to bed.
- A: John, this is Mary.  
B: Yes, I know. We've **already met**. or We **already met**.

John, this is Mary. Yes, I know. We've already met.



## C

**yet** (= until now)

We use **yet** with the *present perfect* or *simple past*. We use **yet** in negative sentences (I **haven't** ... **yet**) and questions (**Have you** ... **yet?**). **Yet** is usually at the end.

**yet** in *negative sentences*

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?  
B: No, they **haven't arrived yet**. or ... they **didn't arrive yet**.  
(but B expects Diane and Paul to arrive soon)
- A: Does John know that you're going away?  
B: No, I **haven't told him yet**. or ... I **didn't tell him yet**.  
(but B is going to tell him soon)
- Joy bought a new dress, but she **hasn't worn it yet**. or ... she **didn't wear it yet**.

**yet** in *questions*

- A: **Have Diane and Paul arrived yet?** or  
Did Diane and Paul **arrive yet?**  
B: No, not yet. We're still waiting for them.
- A: **Has Nicole started her new job yet?** or  
Did Nicole **start her new job yet?**  
B: No, she's starting next week.
- A: This is my new dress.  
B: Oh, it's nice. **Have you worn it yet?** or  
Did you **wear it yet?**

This is my new dress.



Oh, it's nice. Have you worn it yet?