Present Perfect Tense – Already, Yet, Since and For.

*Already* means that something happened earlier than we expected. With Present Perfect *already* usually goes after *have* or *has* and before the main verb.

Examples

- We've *already* had our breakfast.
- When are you going to do your homework?
- But I've *already* done it!
- Do you want a cup of coffee?
- No, thanks. I've *already* had one.

*Yet* means that something that we expected has happened or hasn't happened. We usually put it at the end of a sentence.

Examples

- Has the post arrived *yet*?
- Have you done your homework?
- Not *yet*.
- Haven't you got ready *yet*? Look at the time!

We use *for* with a period of time, for example: a few days, half an hour, two years. We use *since* with the time when the action started, for example: last year, June 8, I met you.

Exercise 1:

Say what you have *already* done (+) and what you have not done *yet* (-).

1. ____________________________ (+/already/to listen to music)
2. ____________________________ (-/not/to go swimming/yet)
3. ____________________________ (+/already/to take some photos)
4. ____________________________ (+/already/to help Jane in the kitchen)
5. ____________________________ (-/not/to play the guitar/yet)
6. ____________________________ (+/already/to have fun with my friends)
7. ____________________________ (-/not/to wash my shirts/yet)
8. ____________________________ (-/not/to make my bed/yet)
9. ____________________________ (+/already/to do the washing-up)
10. ____________________________ (-/not/to speak to my maths teacher/yet)
Exercise 2: Do we use *for* or *since* with the following time references?

1. I haven’t phoned home________Christmas.
2. We’ve been here________nine o’clock.
3. I have worked for International House________more than eight years.
4. I haven’t visited my home town________I left school.
5. I haven’t been to the cinema________ages.
6. I have studied non-stop________9.15.
7. I have had a driving licence________I was eighteen.
8. She hasn’t had a day off________1999.
9. Johan has been in England________more than two weeks now.
10. Peter has been my best friend________we were nine.

Adapted from:

- [http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises/tenses/present_perfect_already_yet.htm](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises/tenses/present_perfect_already_yet.htm)
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