

## Present Perfect: With Time Adverbs

**FORM:** **ALREADY , YET, NEVER, EVER, JUST, BEFORE, RECENTLY, LATELY**

**Time adverbs** are used with the **present perfect** to give more precise information about the connection between past and present.

**USE:**

- **Affirmative Sentences:**

We use **ALREADY** when something has happened sooner than expected. It normally goes after the auxiliary *have*, but it can also go at the end of the sentence.

*She has already finished her ice cream. She has finished her ice cream already.*

*I have already finished my homework. I have finished my homework already.*

We use **JUST** for very recent events. **JUST** goes after the auxiliary verb *have*.

*The taxi has just arrived. You have just missed her phone call.*

- **Negative sentences:**

We use **YET** when something hasn't happened but we are expecting it to happen soon. **YET** normally goes at the end of the sentence. We use it in both questions and answers.

*Has she waxed the car yet? No, she hasn't waxed the car yet.*

We use **NEVER** when something has not happened. It goes after the auxiliary verb *have*.

*I have never read that book. She has never been to Europe.*

- **Interrogative sentences:**

We use **EVER** when we ask a question with the present perfect. It goes after the subject in the question. To answer with a negative response, we use **NEVER** or **YET**. To answer with an affirmative response, we use **ALREADY** or **JUST**.

*Have you ever been to Mexico?*

*No, I've never been to Mexico.*

*No, I haven't been to Mexico yet.*

*Yes, I've already been to Mexico. I went last year.*

*Yes, I have just returned from Mexico.*

**NOTE:** **EVER** and **NEVER** go together. **EVER** is used to ask questions about someone's entire life. **NEVER** is the negative answer to these questions. **EVER** and **NEVER** are **NOT** used in positive sentences.

*Have you ever seen the Northern Lights?*

No, I have **never** seen them.  
I've seen them twice. NOT I have ever seen them.

**BEFORE** can be used in all three forms, indicate that an event happened previously. It goes at the end of the sentence.

I have seen her **before**.  
I haven't seen her **before**.  
Have you seen her **before**?

**RECENTLY** and **LATELY** can be used in all three forms. We use these words to talk about an indefinite time up to the present. **RECENTLY** can go after the auxiliary *have*, at the beginning of a sentence or at the end.

**LATELY** can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.

I have **recently** watched a lot of TV. I have watched a lot of TV **recently**.  
**Recently**, I have watched a lot of TV.

Kevin hasn't seen his friends much **lately**. **Lately**, Kevin hasn't seen his friends much.

Conjugate the following verbs and add the provided TIME ADVERBS.

1. Kim (*see - already*) \_\_\_\_\_ "North by Northwest".
2. Mark, your guests (*arrive - just*) \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The President (*visit - recently*) \_\_\_\_\_ Australia and New Zealand.
4. I think that Murray (*leave - already*) \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. I (*see - lately - negative*) \_\_\_\_\_ Steve \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Keith (*be - lately*) \_\_\_\_\_ moody \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Carol (*work - recently*) \_\_\_\_\_ very hard \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Frank (*be - never*) \_\_\_\_\_ to Europe.
9. Sarah (*see - never*) \_\_\_\_\_ a horror movie.
10. She (*see-before*) \_\_\_\_\_ the movie \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. They (*like - never*) \_\_\_\_\_ eating vegetables.

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12. Percy (*feel - well - negative - lately*) \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. I (*see - negative - Marie - recently*) \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. Our guests (*arrive - negative - yet*) \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. (*finish - you - already*) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
16. (*visit - you - ever*) \_\_\_\_\_ The Eiffel Tower?
17. (*eat - you - ever*) \_\_\_\_\_ in a Polish restaurant?
18. *Would you like a snack or* (*eat - you - just*) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
19. (*see - you - recently*) \_\_\_\_\_ our cat \_\_\_\_\_ ?
20. I (*finish—already*) \_\_\_\_\_ my shopping.
21. I (*finish—already*) \_\_\_\_\_ my shopping \_\_\_\_\_.
22. She (*be—lately*) \_\_\_\_\_ quiet \_\_\_\_\_.
23. I (*see--before—negative*) \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.
24. We (*go-never*) \_\_\_\_\_ camping together as a family.
25. (*she—decide—yet*) \_\_\_\_\_ on a name for her baby girl \_\_\_\_\_?
26. (*you—have—ever*) \_\_\_\_\_ an operation?

*Answer the following questions with true information about yourself, using the appropriate ADVERB. Give extra information to make your answer more complete.*

1. Have you ever been to South America? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you visited the Parliament buildings in  
Ottawa? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever climbed a mountain? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Have you read the book *The Da Vinci Code*? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you skied in the Rocky Mountains? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you ever eaten poutine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you studied Latin dancing before? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever talked to a movie star? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you sung karaoke before? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you been to Calgary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_