UNIT

01

A fresh start

GRAMMAR

Present Perfect with just / already / yet

➡️ (see page 107)

1 Complete the sentences with just / already or yet.

1. We haven’t talked about marriage _____, we’ve _____ started going out together!
2. Please don’t make a mess, your mother has _____ finished tidying up and she’s exhausted.
3. I’ve _____ heard the news so I came straight here, are you OK?
4. The school doesn’t need a whiteboard, they’ve _____ got one. They bought it two years ago.
5. This film is boring, I’ve _____ seen it.
6. Do you like this top? I’ve _____ bought it.
7. You can take the newspaper, James has _____ read it.
8. A Are we too late for the show? 
   B No, you’re not. It’s _____ started.
9. Don’t take my plate away! I haven’t finished _____. 
10. Joanna has _____ left so if you hurry you can catch up with her.

2 For each set of prompts write three sentences in the Present Perfect with a just, b already and c yet.

   Students start / school project
   a The students have just started the school project.
   b The students have already started the school project.
   c The students haven’t started the school project yet.

1. My brother / buy new car
   a __________________________
   b __________________________
   c __________________________

2. Holidays / finish
   a __________________________
   b __________________________
   c __________________________

3. I / do / this exercise
   a __________________________
   b __________________________
   c __________________________

Present Perfect Simple and Continuous ➡️ (see page 107-108)

4 Complete the sentences with the correct Present Perfect form of the words in brackets.

1 I’d like to borrow a different book.
   I _______ [read] this one.
2 We _______ [cycle] along the river Rhine for a week now and we’re getting tired!
3 Cathy left when she saw that Jim was there. They _______ [speak] to each other for over a year.
4 My mum _______ [shop] all day and she _______ [still/not/buy] any Christmas presents.
5 A Where have you been all morning? 
   _______ [read] 250 pages so far.
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FILM REVIEW

American Graffiti

The ‘coming of age’ movie is very popular and there have been many of these films over the years. One of the first, made in 1973, was American Graffiti, directed by George Lucas.

The story follows four friends who live in a small town in America. It is set in 1962. In the film, two of the friends, just started school and they are spending their last night at home before going to college. One of the friends, Curt, is unsure about going and doesn’t want to leave home. ‘Why leave home to find a home?’ he asks. Later in the film, Curt sees John, an older boy who left school several years before and never went to college. He always been a hero to Curt’s generation with his fast car and good looks but Curt already understood that there is much more to life than what John has and that the world already changed since he left school.

One interesting thing that Lucas did, and which no other film director did before was, at the end of the film, to show us what happened to the characters since they left college, as if they were real people. Curt, the real hero of the film, moved away from home to Canada. John, the rebel, died in a car crash in 1964. Terry, an innocent character, died in Vietnam, a metaphor for how the simple, innocent life of America in the 1950s forever due to such events as the Vietnam war.

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5 Choose the correct answers.

I __ had __ an interview last week and I __________ to hear if I've got the job since then.
I __________ nervous about the interview as soon as I got the letter telling me about it. I __________ lots of interviews in my life but I always __________ nervous.
To make things worse, while I __________ to the place where the interview was, a car __________ past and splashed me. When I arrived, I sat in reception and tried to dry my trousers. I sat there for about five minutes, talking angrily to myself, when I noticed the interviewer __________ me. He was very nice and friendly but it wasn't the best interview I __________. Next time I have an interview, I'll take a taxi.

6 Complete the sentences using the words in capital letters so that the meaning is the same as in the original sentences.

I have never seen such a good film. (HAVE)
It's the best film I _______ ever seen.

1 The last time he was here was three years ago. (BEEN)
He _______ three years.

2 This is the first time she has ever eaten Indian food. (NEVER)
She _______ before.

3 We started working here in 1998. (BEEN)
We _______ 1998.

4 They started walking at 9, it's 12 now and they are still walking. (FOR)
They _______ 3 hours.

5 The last time I saw John was on my birthday. (SINCE)
I _______ my birthday.

7 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Not so bad!

My first day at an English school today and I've _______ waiting impatiently to start this blog. I hope some of you back home are reading this! We arrived _______ England last week - I can't believe I've only been here _______ Saturday. It feels as if I've been here _______ ages! I didn't have _______ worry about which school to choose. In England you go to the school nearest your house. _______ you know that houses near a good school can cost 50% more than houses two streets away nearer to a poor school? Strange, eh? Of course, I did _______ have a school uniform so I _______ to get one. We went into the town centre a couple of days ago to buy it. Black jacket, black trousers, white shirt and red and yellow tie. I'll post a photo of it as soon as I can. School _______ at 9 o'clock in Britain so this morning _______ nice and relaxed because I'm used to starting school at 8 o'clock. Things got less relaxed when I arrived.

At 9 o'clock people _______ running all over the place but, 5 minutes later, the corridors were deserted – they all disappeared. Luckily a teacher found me and took me to my class. Lessons weren't much different from back home – but all in English. I've _______ spoken English for years, but my accent is American, so I have _______ trying to learn a British accent. Did the other kids laugh at my accent? No. In my class (twenty-six students) there are fifteen who have a first language that isn't English! I have _______ heard so many different accents! I'll write more tomorrow if I get some comments.