

GRAMMAR

Present Perfect with *just/ already/ yet*

→ (see page 107)

1 Complete the sentences with *just/already* or *yet*.

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

- The students have just started the school project.
- The students have already started the school project.
- The students haven't started the school project yet.

1 My brother / buy new car

- _____
- _____
- _____

2 Holidays / finish

- _____
- _____
- _____

3 I / do / this exercise

- _____
- _____
- _____

3 Complete the text with the correct Present Perfect form of the verbs from the box.

happen change (x2) leave go be understand

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 ¹ _____ just _____ 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 ² _____ never _____ to college. He ³ _____ always _____ a hero to Curt's generation with his fast car and good looks but Curt ⁴ _____ already _____ that there is much more to life than what John has and that the world ⁵ _____ already _____ 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 ⁶ _____ 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 ⁷ _____ forever due to such events as the Vietnam war.

Present Perfect Simple

and Continuous → (see page 107-108)

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

- I'd like to borrow a different book.
I _____ (read) this one.
- We _____ (cycle) along the river Rhine for a week now and we're getting tired!
- Cathy left when she saw that Jim was there. They _____ (speak) to each other for over a year.
- My mum _____ (shop) all day and she _____ (still/not/buy) any Christmas presents.
- A** Where have you been all morning?
B I _____ (read) a great book.
I _____ (read) 250 pages so far.
- Dan's usually a good student but he _____ (make) a lot of silly mistakes recently.

5 Choose the correct answers.

I had an interview last week and I
¹ _____ to hear if I've got the job since then.
 I ² _____ nervous about the interview as soon as
 I got the letter telling me about it. I ³ _____ lots of
 interviews in my life but I always ⁴ _____ nervous.
 To make things worse, while I ⁵ _____ to the place
 where the interview was, a car ⁶ _____ 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
⁷ _____ me. He was very nice and friendly but it
 wasn't the best interview I ⁸ _____. Next time
 I have an interview, I'll take a taxi.

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| a had | c have had |
| b has had | d was having |
- 1 **a** wait **c** was waiting
 - b** have been waiting **d** have waited
- 2 **a** have been **c** was
 - b** been **d** am
- 3 **a** have had **c** had had
 - b** had **d** was having
- 4 **a** have got **c** got
 - b** get **d** was getting
- 5 **a** had walked **c** walked
 - b** was walking **d** have been walking
- 6 **a** had driven **c** drove
 - b** has driven **d** was driving
- 7 **a** watched **c** has watched
 - b** was watching **d** watches
- 8 **a** had ever had **c** was ever having
 - b** ever had **d** have ever had

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 have 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.

pietor's BLOG

Not so bad!

My first day at an English school today and I've
¹ _____ waiting impatiently to start this blog. I
 hope some of you back home are reading this!
 We arrived ² _____ England last week - I can't
 believe I've only been here ³ _____ Saturday.
 It feels as if I've been here ⁴ _____ ages!
 I didn't have ⁵ _____ worry about which
 school to choose. In England you go to the
 school nearest your house. ⁶ _____ 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
⁷ _____ have a school uniform so I ⁸ _____
 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 ⁹ _____ at 9 o'clock in Britain so this
 morning ¹⁰ _____ 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 ¹¹ _____ 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 ¹² _____
 spoken English for years, but my accent is
 American, so I have ¹³ _____ 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 ¹⁴ _____ heard so many
 different accents!
 I'll write more tomorrow if I get some
 comments.

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"YOUR MOTHER AND I FOUND OUT YOU'VE BEEN BLOGGING.
 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT WED LIKE YOU TO STOP."