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.

- My brother / buy new car
  a ___________________________
  b ___________________________
  c ___________________________

- Holidays / finish
  a ___________________________
  b ___________________________
  c ___________________________

- I / do / this exercise
  a ___________________________
  b ___________________________
  c ___________________________

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

happen change (x2) leave go be understand

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.

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?
   B I ______________________ (read) a great book.
   I ______________________ (read) 250 pages so far.
6 Dan’s usually a good student but he ______________________ (make) a lot of silly mistakes recently.
Choose the correct answers.

I ______ had ______ an interview last week and I ______ to hear if I've got the job since then.
1 a had  b has had
c have had  d was having

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.
2 a have been  b been
c am  d have been
d was having

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.
3 a have walked  b walked
c was  d have been walking
d was walking

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 ______.
4 a have got  b get
c never had  d was getting

time

time

time

time

Next time I have an interview, I'll take a taxi.
5 a had walked  b walked
c have been walking  d was driving

d have ever had