

STILL vs YET vs ALREADY

WHICH ONE IS CORRECT?

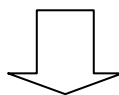
“Is it **STILL** raining?”
OR
“Has it stopped raining **YET**?”

(Remember Still and Yet are always negative in the P.Perf)

“I **still** haven’t finished it”
“I haven’t finished it **yet**”

WHICH ONE IS CORRECT?

“I have just bought my new car and I’m **STILL** bored with it”
OR
“I have just bought my new car and I’m **ALREADY** bored with it”



	AFFIRMATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	NEGATIVE
ALREADY (Present Perfect) (<i>Ya</i>) Something happened sooner than expected	“I’ve already done my homework”		
STILL (<i>Aún</i>) Something is continuing, usually later than expected	“It’s ten o’clock and I’m still in bed”	“Is it still raining?”	“I still haven’t found it” STILL shows a stronger feeling of surprise or impatience than YET
YET (Present Perfect) (<i>Ya, aún</i>) We expect something to happen. Mainly used in Negative sentences and Questions in the Present Perfect.		“Have you done your homework yet?”	“I haven’t found it yet”

Also possible...

- I stil find this map confusing. I’m already lost.
- I haven’t seen that film. I hope you haven’t already seen it.
- I’m sorry, but your room isn’t ready yet.

EXERCISE

3 Add *still*, *yet* or *already* to the sentences in italics.

- 1 You don't need to do the washing up. *I've done it.* *I've already done it*
- 2 Jo's been unemployed for a year. *He's looking for another job.*
- 3 Karen didn't want to see the new Scorsese film. *She's seen it.*
- 4 Susan's a very bright child. *She's only three but she can read.*
- 5 Chris sent the work in last month. *No one's paid him for it.*
- 6 *They're looking for a cure for cancer after years of research.*
- 7 He was paid three days ago. *He's spent it!*
- 8 My phone has been out of order for weeks! *No one's fixed it.*

ANSWERS

- 2 He's still looking
- 3 She's already seen
- 4 she can already read
- 5 paid him for it yet
- 6 They're still looking
- 7 He's already spent
- 8 fixed it yet