

ALREADY STILL YET

ALREADY

Already = sooner than expected
Already can come between the auxiliary and the main verb or at the end of the clause.

- Mike's already left .
- Is it seven o'clock already?
- I've already paid the bill.

Sometimes already comes at the end of the sentence for emphasis:

- I've paid the bill already.

Negatives with "already" are not very common. They refer to things which should have happened before they did.

- I'm surprised that they haven't already told me the news.

YET

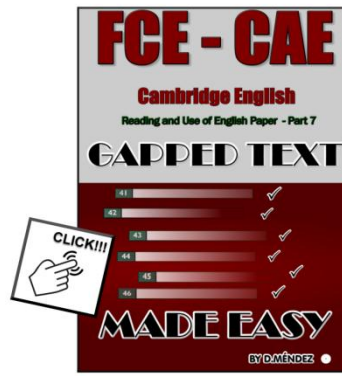
Yet = until now. We use yet to show that we are expecting something to happen.

We use "yet" in questions and negative sentences. It usually goes at the end of a sentence, and we often use it with the present perfect.

- Have you decided what to do yet?
- Has it stopped raining yet?
- I haven't sent the email yet.
- It's 10 o'clock and Joe isn't here yet.

In a more formal style it is possible to use yet in affirmative sentences:

- They have yet to discover whether there are any survivors.



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STILL

We use still to refer to the continuation of a situation. We usually put still in the normal mid position for adverbs (between the subject and the main verb, or after the modal verb or first auxiliary verb, or after be as a main verb):

between subject and main verb

- She still goes to German classes every week.

after the modal verb or first auxiliary verb

- I can still do 50 press-ups in a row.
- He's still studying.

after main verb be

- I'm still hungry.

In negative sentences , "still" comes before the negative verb.

- She still hasn't found her keys.
- I still wasn't sure who he was.
- I took the clock to the repair shop though it still isn't working.

still also means 'in spite of this'.

- He has everything he needs, but he's still unhappy.