

In this article, we will discuss adverbs that add information about **time**. The adverbs about to, already, just, still, yet are used to describe things that are going on, are expected or close to the present time.

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About to

We use '**be about to do something**' to mean '*be going to do something very soon*'.

- *Ssshhh...! The movie **is about to** start.*
- *They **were about to** complain when their meal finally arrived.*

The structure is:

be + about to + base verb

Already, Just, Yet, Still

Note: In British English, these adverbs are often used with the **Present Perfect** tense. Americans often use the past tense.

Already

We use '**already**' to say that *something happened early, or earlier than we expected*.

- *I've **already** finished my homework.*
- *Really? That was quick!*
- *Would you like something to eat?*
- *No, thanks. We've **already** had lunch.*

- *Is it ten o'clock **already**? I can't believe it!*

Just

Here, '**just**' means '*a short time ago*'.

- *I've **just** had breakfast.*
- *Has he **just** arrived?*

Note: '**Already**' and '**just**' come **between** '**have/has**' and the [Past Participle](#).

Yet

We use '**yet**' to talk about things we *expect to happen*.

- *I haven't seen that movie **yet**.*
- *Have you cleaned your teeth **yet**?*
- *Is dinner ready **yet**?*

Note: We only use '**yet**' in **negative** sentences and **questions**. It usually comes **at the end** of the sentence.

Still

We use '**still**' to talk about things which *have not happened or finished as we expected*.

- *I've been here for twenty minutes but the bus **still** hasn't come.*
- *You **still** haven't washed the dishes.*
- *Is it **still** raining?*

Note: When we use '**still**' with the present perfect, it comes **before** '**have/has**'.

See how to use these adverbs in this video:

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