

Still, yet and already
Any more / any longer / no longer

A Still

We use **still** to say that a situation or action is continuing. It hasn't changed or stopped:

- It's ten o'clock and Joe is **still** in bed.
- When I went to bed, Chris was **still** working.
- Do you **still** want to go away or have you changed your mind?

Still usually goes in the middle of the sentence with the verb (see Unit 110).

B Any more / any longer / no longer

We use **not ... any more** or **not ... any longer** to say that a situation has changed. **Any more** and **any longer** go at the end of a sentence:

- Lucy doesn't work here **any more** (or **any longer**). She left last month.
(*not* Lucy doesn't still work here.)
- We used to be good friends, but we aren't **any more** (or **any longer**).

You can also use **no longer**. **No longer** goes in the middle of the sentence:

- Lucy **no longer** works here.

Note that we do not normally use **no more** in this way:

- We are **no longer** friends. (*not* We are no more friends.)

Compare **still** and **not ... any more**:

- Sally **still** works here, but Lucy doesn't work here **any more**.

C Yet

Yet = until now. We use **yet** mainly in negative sentences (**He isn't here yet**) and questions (**Is he here yet?**). **Yet** shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen.

Yet usually goes at the end of a sentence:

- It's 10 o'clock and Joe **isn't here yet**.
- Have you met** your new neighbours **yet?**
- 'Where are you going for your holidays?' 'We **don't know yet**.'

We often use **yet** with the *present perfect* (**Have you met ... yet?**). See Unit 7C.

Compare **yet** and **still**:

- Mike lost his job six months ago and **is still** unemployed.
Mike lost his job six months ago and **hasn't found** another job **yet**.
- Is it still** raining?
Has it stopped raining **yet?**

Still is also possible in *negative* sentences (before the negative):

- She said she would be here an hour ago and she **still hasn't** come.

This is similar to 'she hasn't come yet'. But **still ... not** shows a stronger feeling of surprise or impatience. Compare:

- I wrote to him last week. He **hasn't replied yet**. (but I expect he will reply soon)
- I wrote to him months ago and he **still hasn't** replied. (he should have replied before now)

D Already

We use **already** to say that something happened sooner than expected. **Already** usually goes in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110):

- 'What time is Sue leaving?' 'She has **already** left.' (= sooner than you expected)
- Shall I tell Joe what happened or does he **already** know?
- I've only just had lunch and I'm **already** hungry.

111.1 Compare what Paul said a few years ago with what he says now. Some things are the same as before and some things have changed. Write sentences with **still** and **any more**.



Paul a few years ago

I travel a lot.
I work in a shop.
I write poems.
I want to be a teacher.
I'm interested in politics.
I'm single.
I go fishing a lot.



Paul now

I travel a lot.
I work in a hospital.
I gave up writing poems.
I want to be a teacher.
I'm not interested in politics.
I'm single.
I haven't been fishing for years.

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| 1 (travel) | <u>He still travels a lot.</u> | 5 (politics) | |
| 2 (shop) | <u>He doesn't work in a shop any more.</u> | 6 (single) | |
| 3 (poems) | He | 7 (fishing) | |
| 4 (teacher) | | 8 (beard) | |

Now write three sentences about Paul using **no longer**.

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| 9 | <u>He no longer works in a shop.</u> | 11 | |
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111.2 For each sentence (with **still**) write a sentence with a similar meaning using **not ... yet** + one of the following verbs:

decide find finish go ~~stop~~ take off wake up

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| 1 It's still raining. | <u>It hasn't stopped raining yet.</u> |
| 2 Gary is still here. | He |
| 3 They're still repairing the road. | They |
| 4 The children are still asleep. | |
| 5 Is Ann still looking for a place to live? | ? |
| 6 I'm still wondering what to do. | |
| 7 The plane is still waiting on the runway. | |

111.3 Put in **still**, **yet**, **already** or **any more** in the underlined sentence (or part of the sentence). Study the examples carefully.

- 1 Mike lost his job a year ago and he is unemployed. he is still unemployed
- 2 Shall I tell Joe what happened or does he know? does he already know
- 3 I'm hungry. Is dinner ready? Is dinner ready yet?
- 4 I was hungry earlier, but I'm not hungry. I'm not hungry any more
- 5 Can we wait a few minutes? I don't want to go out.
- 6 Jenny used to work at the airport, but she doesn't work there.
- 7 I used to live in Amsterdam. I have a lot of friends there.
- 8 'Shall I introduce you to Joe?' 'There's no need. We've met.'
- 9 Do you live in the same place or have you moved?
- 10 Would you like to eat with us or have you eaten?
- 11 'Where's John?' 'He's not here. He'll be here soon.'
- 12 Tim said he'd be here at 8.30. It's 9 o'clock now and he isn't here.
- 13 Do you want to join the club or are you a member?
- 14 It happened a long time ago, but I can remember it very clearly.
- 15 I've put on weight. These trousers don't fit me.
- 16 'Have you finished with the paper?' 'No, I'm reading it.'