

6 Tedious Housework

Date : _____

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Grammar Notes

Present Perfect Tense 2



Jasper, **have** you **done** the housework yet?

Yes, I **have** **cooked** a meal.



I don't see any food. Do you only mean that you've **cooked** a meal in the game?



We use the **present perfect tense** to talk about recent, completed actions without telling the exact time when these actions took place.

The children	have		swept the floor (recently).
Mum	has		

Grammar Tip

We don't use the present perfect tense with the time phrases that tell exactly when an action happened. We often use it with general time phrases like 'recently', 'ever', 'never' and 'before'.

Warm-up

A Mrs Fan needs someone to help with the housework. Follow the example and change the questions and answers into the present perfect tense.

Has _____ cooked _____ has not

e.g. Does Jasper cook a meal? No, he does not.

1. Did Ellie and Jasper tidy the living room recently? Yes, they tidied the living room recently.
2. Do they iron the clothes? No, they do not iron the clothes.
3. Did Dad do the grocery shopping recently? No, he did not.
4. Does Ellie bake a cake? Yes, she bakes a strawberry cake.
5. Do they help with the housework recently? Yes, they do.





Adverbs: already / just / yet



We use the adverb **'already'** to talk about finished actions. We use the adverb **'just'** to talk about actions that happened a short time ago.

I	have	already	come	back from school.
She	has	just	come	

Grammar Tip

We do not use 'already' and 'just' in the same sentence.

We use the adverb **'yet'** in questions to ask whether an action has happened or not. We also use **'yet'** in negative sentences to talk about actions that have not happened at the time of speaking.

Have	they	taken	out the rubbish	yet?
Has	Jasper			

No,	they	have not	walked	the dog	yet.
	he	has not			



Common Errors

- ✓ I have **just** done my homework.
- ✗ I have done my homework **just**.

- I have **just / yet** seen that movie. The ending was surprising.
- Jasper has not finished his school project **already / yet**.

Warm-up



Mr and Mrs Fan are talking on the phone. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

- has / supermarket / Jasper / to / gone / the / just / .

- washed / Ellie / Has / yet / the / plates / dirty / ?

- up / already / our / tidied / I / wardrobe / have / .

- meal / has / Max / yet / not / its / finished / .



Practice



Jasper is talking about the things he has to do. Complete what he said with the correct form of the given verbs and circle the correct adverbs.



Hint: Q1 & 2

Pay attention to the adverbs.

To-do List

mop the floor	X	buy groceries	X
vacuum the floor	✓	return the library books	✓
dust the sofa	✓	walk Max	X



Alright, let me see what I have done today. I ① _____ the floor already but I ② _____ the floor yet. I will do that after lunch. Also, I ③ _____ just / yet _____ the books to the library and I ④ _____ the sofa just / already . I ⑤ _____ groceries for Mum just / yet so I have to do that later. Besides, I ⑥ _____ Max yet / already . I will take Max out when I do the grocery shopping later.

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-6.

- The children have make a mess in the dining room. They 1. _____
- have just finish lunch. There are pieces of food on the table 2. _____
- because the girl have left many bread crumbs there. There 3. _____
is broken glass on the floor because the careless boy has
- already dropped his glass of orange juice. They have not 4. _____
- cleaned up already because they are lazy. However, they will 5. _____
- get punished if they do not clean up. Their mum has yet told 6. _____
them to be tidy many times.

Grammar in Context

Text Type:
Play script

E Ellie is reading a play script about a house robot. Complete the play script with the correct adverbs and the correct form of the given verbs. Add 'not' when necessary.

already just yet

look post see sweep take walk

Mrs Chan and the Robot

Characters: Mrs Chan — a housewife

Bot — a domestic robot


Act 1 Scene 1: In the living room



Hint: Q2


Which word do you use to talk about an action happened not long ago?


Mrs Chan : (*excitedly*) Wonderful! This amazing domestic robot can help me with the housework! Bot, ① _____ you _____ the letters _____?

Bot : Yes, Mrs Chan. I  ② _____ a letter on Facebook. See, the post was posted one minute ago.

Mrs Chan : No, that's not what I meant. I will do it on my own then. ③ _____ you _____ the floor _____? It still looks a bit dirty.

Bot : No, I ④ _____ the floor _____. I couldn't find the broom. I will do it later.

Mrs Chan : Wait a minute. Where's our dog, Sasha? I  ⑤ _____ it around since this morning. ⑥ _____ you _____ it _____?

Bot : Yes, I  ⑦ _____ it to the park for a walk _____. It is still walking in the park now.

Mrs Chan : (*shocked*) What? I have to rush to the park to take it home now! Can you look after the children for a while?

Bot : Yes, I ⑧ _____ at the children before. They are good-looking.

Mrs Chan : (*angrily*) Oh no! This robot is not helping at all!

