

Lesson Plan: Already or yet?

Level: Intermediate (B1/B2)

Time: 60 minutes

Focus: Grammar (present perfect)

Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Explain **when** to use *already* and *yet*
- Use *already* and *yet* correctly in sentences and questions
- Correct common ESL mistakes with these words
- Use them naturally in short conversations and writing

1. Warm-up (10 minutes)

Activity: "Done or not done?"

Write these sentences on the board:

1. I have finished my homework.
2. I haven't finished my homework.

Ask:

"Which sentence means the action is complete?"

"Which means it is not complete?"

Now add:

3. I have **already** finished my homework.
4. I haven't finished my homework **yet**.

Ask:

"How do *already* and *yet* change the meaning?"

2. Presentation: Already vs. yet (15 minutes)

A. When to use already

Use *already* when:

- The action is **completed before now**
- Often **earlier than expected**

Sentence type:

- Affirmative sentences
- Sometimes questions (surprise)

Position:

- After *have/has*, before the main verb

Examples:

- I have **already** done my homework.
- She has **already** left school.
- Have you **already** finished? (surprise)

B. When to use yet

Use *yet* when:

- The action is **not finished up to now**
- But it may happen later

Sentence Type:

- Negative sentences
- Questions

Position:

- Usually at the **end** of the sentence

Examples:

- I haven't done my homework **yet**.
- Has she arrived **yet**?

C. Key contrast (very important for ESL)

Situation	Use
Action is finished	already
Action is not finished	yet
Affirmative sentence	already
Negative / question	yet

Common mistake:

✗ I already didn't eat.

✓ I haven't eaten **yet**.

3. Guided practice (15 minutes)

Activity 1: Choose the correct word

Students work in pairs.

1. I have _____ finished my project.
2. Have you finished the test _____?
3. She hasn't called me _____.
4. They have _____ arrived at school.

Answers:

1. already
2. yet
3. yet
4. already

Activity 2: Correct the mistake

Students rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. I already didn't do my homework.
2. She hasn't eaten already.

3. Have you done your homework already? (*context: normal question*)

Corrections:

1. I haven't done my homework **yet**.
2. She hasn't eaten **yet**.
3. Have you done your homework **yet**?

4. Independent practice (10 minutes)

Activity: Complete the dialogue

A: Have you cleaned your room ____?

B: Yes, I've ____ cleaned it.

A: Lucky! I haven't cleaned mine ____.

Answers:

yet / already / yet

5. Production: speaking & writing (5–10 minutes)

Activity: "Already or yet?"

Students write **5 sentences**:

- 3 sentences using **already**
- 2 sentences using **yet**

Then students ask a partner:

- Have you finished your homework yet?
- Have you already eaten today?

6. Review & exit ticket (5 minutes)

Ask:

"When do we use already?"

"When do we use yet?"

"Where does yet go in a sentence?"

Exit Ticket:

Correct this sentence:

I already haven't finished my project.

Answer:

I haven't finished my project **yet**.

Optional homework

- Write a short paragraph (5–6 sentences) using *already* and *yet*
- Online quiz or worksheet for practice