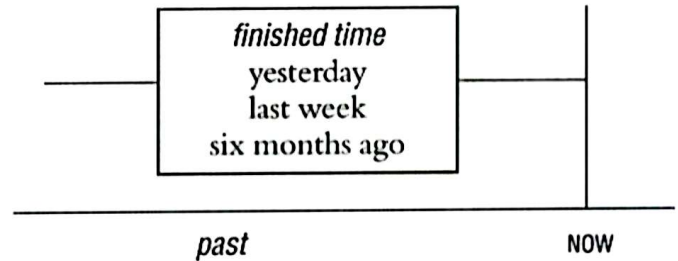


I have done (present perfect) and I did (past simple)

A With a *finished time* (yesterday / last week etc.), we use the past (arrived/saw/was etc.):

past simple + finished time

We arrived	yesterday. last week. at 3 o'clock. in 1991. six months ago.
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Do *not* use the present perfect (have arrived / have done / have been etc.) with a finished time:

- I **saw** Paula **yesterday**. (not 'I have seen')
- Where **were** you **on Sunday afternoon**? (not 'Where have you been')
- We **didn't have** a holiday **last year**. (not 'We haven't had')
- 'What **did** you **do last night**?' 'I **stayed** at home.'
- William Shakespeare **lived from 1564 to 1616**. He **was** a writer. He **wrote** many plays and poems.

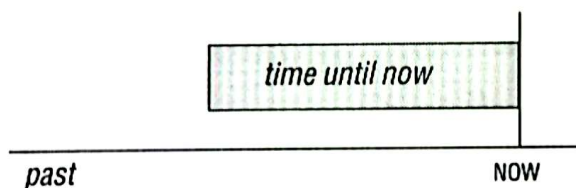
Use the past simple to ask **When ... ?** or **What time ... ?**:

- **When did** they **arrive**? (not 'When have they arrived?')

B Compare:

present perfect

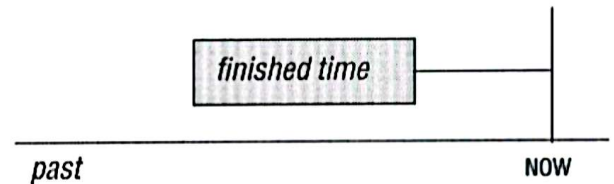
- I **have lost** my key.
(= I can't find it *now*)
- Bill **has gone** home.
(= he isn't here *now*)
- **Have you seen** Ann?
(= where is she *now*?)



- **Have you ever been** to Spain?
(= in your life, until *now*)
- My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books.
- The letter **hasn't arrived** yet.
- We've **lived** in Singapore for six years.
(= we live there *now*)

past simple

- I **lost** my key **last week**.
- Bill **went** home **ten minutes ago**.
- **Did you see** Ann **on Saturday**?



- **Did you go** to Spain **last year**?
- Shakespeare **wrote** many plays and poems.
- The letter **didn't arrive** **yesterday**.
- We **lived** in Glasgow for six years but now we live in Singapore.

I've just ... I've already ... I haven't ... yet (present perfect 2)

A I've just ...



They have just arrived.

just = a short time ago

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?
B: Yes, they've **just arrived**.
- A: Are you hungry?
B: No, I've **just had** dinner.
- A: Is Tom here?
B: No, I'm afraid he's **just gone**.
(= he **has just gone**)

B I've already ...



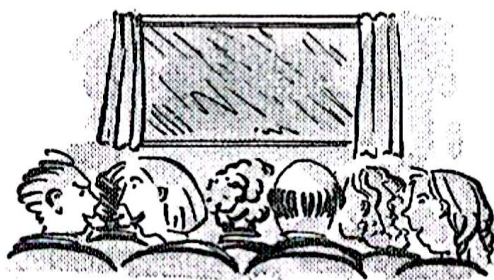
already = before you expected / before I expected

- A: What time are Diane and Paul coming?
B: They've **already arrived**. (= before you expected)
- It's only nine o'clock and Ann **has already gone** to bed. (= before I expected)
- A: John, this is Mary.
B: Yes, I know. We've **already met**.

C I haven't ... yet / Have you ... yet?

yet = until now

You can use **yet** in negative sentences and questions. **Yet** is usually at the end.



The film **hasn't started yet**.

yet in negative sentences:

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?
B: No, they **haven't arrived yet**.
(but B expects Diane and Paul to arrive soon)
- A: Does John know that you're going away?
B: No, I **haven't told him yet**.
(but B is going to tell him soon)
- Margaret has bought a new dress but she **hasn't worn it yet**.

yet in questions:

- A: **Have** Diane and Paul **arrived yet**?
B: No, not yet. We're still waiting for them.
- A: **Has** Linda **started** her new job **yet**?
B: No, she starts next week.
- A: This is my new dress.
B: Oh, it's nice. **Have you worn it yet**?

