

still, yet, already의 차이

1. still

We use **still** not yet or **already** to refer to the continuation of a situation:

I **still** meet my friends from my schooldays now and then. (I continue to meet my friends)

We use **still** to show that something continues up to the time referred to. It is used in the past present or future. **still** is placed in front of the main verb:

Even though he was a teenager he **still** loved playing outside.

They are **still** living in the old farmhouse.

We will still be at work when you arrive.

Still is placed after the verb to be and before an adjective:

Her parents are **still** alive.

We were unlucky with the weather in Greece but we were **still** happy with the holiday.

2. yet

We use **yet** most commonly in questions and negatives, to talk about things which are expected but which have not happened:

Is it seven o'clock **yet**? (The speaker thinks that probably it's almost seven o'clock.)

A: Where will you be staying?

B: I haven't decided **yet**, but somewhere in the city centre.

already refers to things which have happened or which people think may have happened. **yet** refers to things which have not happened or which people think may not have happened.

yet is used in a negative sentence or in a question. It is very often used with the perfect aspect to show that something has not happened by a particular time. Yet is placed at the end of a sentence or question.

I haven't been to Paris **yet**.

Have you booked the holiday **yet**?

He won't have arrived **yet**.

3. **already**

We use **already** to refer to something which has happened or may have happened before the moment of speaking. **Already** can sometimes suggest surprise on the part of the speaker, that something is unexpected:

Is it seven o'clock **already**? (The speaker didn't expect it to be so late.)

Already is used to show that something has happened before we thought it would happen.

The computer is working I've **already** set it up.

It was six in the morning and they were **already** on the beach.

already is placed after the verb to be and before the adjective like still:

Fifteen minutes after the play had started we were **already** bored.

They knew that they were **already** late for the meeting.

STILL

1. Situations that continue to the present time

- It is **still** raining. - I **still** live in London.
- They've been married for 30 years and are **still** in love.

2. Action that is not expected because of something else

- He was sick but he **still** went to work.
- I studied a lot though I **still** didn't pass the test.

YET

1. To ask if something expected has happened.

- Have the test results arrived **yet**?
- I'm hungry. Is dinner ready **yet**?

2. To say something expected hasn't happened.

- I haven't done my homework **yet**.
- It's almost 11 o'clock and Steve hasn't woken up **yet**.

ALREADY

1. An action has happened sooner than expected.

- I have just finished lunch but I'm **already** hungry.
- I think John **already** knows about the surprise party.