

A

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 also means 'in spite of this'. For example:

- ☐ He has everything he needs, but he's **still** unhappy.

Still usually goes in the middle of the sentence with the verb. See Unit 110.

B

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

You can write **any more** (2 words) or **anymore** (1 word).

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

- ☐ Lucy **no longer** works here.

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

We use **yet** mainly in negative sentences (**He isn't** here **yet**) and questions (**Is he** here **yet?**).

Yet (= until now) shows that the speaker expects 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 **decided** what to do **yet**?
- ☐ 'Where are you going on holiday?' 'We **don't** know **yet**.'

We often use **yet** with the *present perfect* ('**Have** you **decided** ... **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 sent him an invitation last week. He **hasn't** replied **yet**. (but I expect he will reply soon)
- ☐ I sent him an invitation weeks ago and he **still hasn't** replied. (he should have replied before now)

D

We use **already** to say that something happened sooner than expected.

- ☐ '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 just had lunch and I'm **already** hungry.

Already usually goes in the middle of a sentence (see Unit 110) or at the end:

- ☐ She's **already** left. *or* She's left **already**.

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.

- 1 (travel) He still travels a lot.
- 2 (shop) He doesn't work in a shop any more.
- 3 (poems) He
- 4 (teacher)

- 5 (politics)
- 6 (single)
- 7 (fishing)
- 8 (beard)

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

- 9 He no longer works in a shop.
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- 11
- 12

111.2 For each sentence (with **still**) write a sentence with a similar meaning using **not ... yet**. Choose from these verbs:

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

- 1 It's still raining. It hasn't stopped raining yet.
- 2 Gary is still here. He
- 3 They're still repairing the road. They
- 4 The children are still asleep. They
- 5 Kate is still looking for a job. She
- 6 I'm still wondering what to do. I
- 7 The plane is still waiting on the runway. It

111.3 Put in **still**, **yet**, **already** or **any more**.

- 1 Mike lost his job a year ago and he is still unemployed.
- 2 Shall I tell Joe what happened or does he already know?
- 3 Do you live in the same place or have you moved?
- 4 I'm hungry. Is dinner ready ?
- 5 I was hungry earlier, but I don't feel hungry
- 6 Can we wait a few minutes? I don't want to go out
- 7 Amy used to work at the airport, but she doesn't work there
- 8 I used to live in Amsterdam. I have a lot of friends there.
- 9 There's no need to introduce me to Joe. We've met.
- 10 John is 80 years old, but he's very fit and healthy.
- 11 Would you like something to eat, or have you eaten?
- 12 'Where's Helen?' 'She's not here She'll be here soon.'
- 13 Mark said he'd be here at 8.30. It's 9 o'clock now and he isn't here.
- 14 Do you want to join the club or are you a member?
- 15 It happened a long time ago, but I remember it very clearly.
- 16 I've put on weight. These trousers don't fit me