

101 Adverbs of time

Adverbs of time are used to give more precise information about exactly when something happens. They can also refer to a continuing event or action.

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Present continuous **4**
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101.1 "JUST" AND "ABOUT TO"

These adverbs give more information about when or if an action happened.



FURTHER EXAMPLES

I've **just** called a cab. It should be here soon.



I'm on my way. I've **just** finished packing my suitcase.



I was going to have a meal at the airport, but the plane has **just** arrived.



The flight attendant is **about to** bring us food.



The plane is **about to** land. We must fasten our seat belts.



I'm **about to** book a table for tonight. How many of us are there?



101.2 "ALREADY" AND "YET"

"Already" is used when something has happened, usually sooner than expected. "Yet" means "until now." It shows that something hasn't happened, but it will happen in the future.

Means something has happened.

The show has **already** started, but we haven't arrived **yet**.

Means "until now."



PAST



NOW



FUTURE

FURTHER EXAMPLES

What time is Andrew going to get here?



He's **already** arrived.



Has Rob cooked the dinner?



No, not **yet**.



Have you booked the taxi?



No, I haven't called them **yet**.



I'll order the pizzas now.



It's OK. I've **already** ordered them.



101.3 "STILL"

The adverb "still" means an action or situation is ongoing.

I'm **still** watering the flowers.



PAST

NOW

FURTHER EXAMPLES



I'm **still** working. I won't finish until 7 tonight.



The shop is **still** open. Let's go in before it closes.



The phone is **still** ringing. Will someone answer it?



We **still** live in the same house, but it's too small for us now.