

Definitions for just:

If you say that something has *just* happened, you mean that it happened a very short time ago.

Ex: I've *just* bought a new belt.

If you say that you are *just* doing something, you mean that you will finish doing it very soon.

Ex: I'm *just* setting the table, then we can eat.

You can use *just* to indicate that something is no more important, interesting or difficult, than you say it is. Ex: It's *just* a suggestion.

You use *just* to indicate that what you are saying is the case, but only by a very small degree. Ex: Her hand was *just* visible.

You use *just* to emphasize the word or phrase following it. Ex: She *just* won't relax.

You use *just* with instructions, polite requests or statements of intention. I'm *just* going to ask you one more question.

You use *just* to mean exactly or precisely. EX: There are no statistics about *just* how many people will vote. *Just* so.

You use *just* about to indicate that what you are talking about is so close to being the case that it can be regarded as the case. Ex: She reads *just* about everything.

Just can also be used to describe a situation that is fair. Ex: It's a *just* cause he is fighting for.

Explain these sentences:

1. Just because I exaggerated the details doesn't mean I intended to lie.
2. It was just a little bit over one hundred degrees yesterday.
3. The accident just happened.
4. You didn't disturb me, I was just washing the dishes.
5. I didn't mean to do it; I just didn't understand what you wanted.
6. When did they arrive? Just now.
7. In just minutes, we will know the answer to the mystery.
8. Can mortal man be just?
9. He has a just claim on her assets because he was married to her for twenty years.
10. This chicken is cooked perfectly. This is just what I mean when I say it should be tender and juicy.
11. Fortunately, the arrow just missed its mark.
12. The weather today is just glorious.
13. (idiom alert) This cake is delicious. It's just what the doctor ordered.
14. (idiom alert) It just goes to show you every child can excel if given the opportunity to succeed.
15. (idiom alert) I believe the problems we discovered today are just the tip of the iceberg.

Discussion:

1-Justice is a word that means fairness in the way people are treated. We pride ourselves on having a “just” society. What do you see in our society that is “unjust”.

2-We have a legal term called “justifiable homicide”. It means you were justified in killing someone. Can you think of any times you might be justified in killing someone?

3-Describe how the justice system of your country differs from ours.

4-We like to believe that we live in a just world; that people get what they deserve. Yet, sometimes we see mean people getting what they want while kind people suffer. Does this bother you? Do you think at some point people will get what they deserve?

5-Does religion play any part in forming a just society?