

Pronunciation: the long E sound

There are several spellings that are pronounced with this eeee sound. Let's look at a few.
he, be, she, zero, bead, agree, these, cheese, breathe, believe, receive

Cross out the words in each row that do NOT have the long e sound.

bee	bed	bleed	brief
deep	knee	desk	shed
speech	bench	beat	beads
these	compete	dead	scream
leap	penny	niece	please
red	receive	pie	free

Present Perfect Tense**1. with "just"**

EX: I have just had dinner. They have just arrived. She has just left.

Adding just between the present perfect verbs changes the meaning slightly. Just means a short time ago. Adding "just" to the sentence means it happened very recently.

Read these conversations. Notice how "just" effects the meaning.

A: Have you met Gloria?

B: Yes, we just met.

C: Have you started your homework?

D: I just started it.

E: Have your parents arrived?

F: They just arrived a minute ago.

G: Has your sister gone out?

H: She just left.

2. with "already"

Adding "already" means something happened before you expected.

EX: I have already had dinner. They have already arrived. He has already left.

Read these conversations. Notice how "already" effects the meaning.

A: I would like you to meet Gloria.

B: Gloria and I have already met.

C: You should start your homework.

D: I have already started it.

E: When will your parents arrive?

F: They have already arrived.

G: When will your sister go out?

H: She has already gone out.

3. with “yet”

Adding “yet” means until now.

EX: Our guests have not arrived yet. I haven't worn my new dress yet. I haven't started my new job yet.

Read these conversations. Notice how “yet” effects the meaning.

A: Have Jim and Jane arrived?

B: No, not yet.

C: You know our next door neighbors, John and Suzy Shepherd, right?

D: No, we haven't met them yet.

E: Has the bus come?

F: No, it hasn't come yet.

4. with “ever or never”

Ever means at any time. Never means not at any time.

EX: I have never run a long race. We have never caught fish here. Have you ever lived in France? Has Jim ever been to China?

Read these conversations. Notice the effect “ever” and “never” have in the sentence.

A: Have you ever played golf?

B: No, I have never played golf.

C: Have you ever travelled by train.

D: Yes, I have travelled by train. (You do not use “ever” in the positive, only in the negative.)

Write a sentence with the words shown. The first one is done for you.

(write/ yet) 1. I haven't written to my mother yet.

(sold/ yet) 2. _____

(pay/ already) 3. _____

(go/ already) 4. _____

(tell/ just) 5. _____

(finish/ just) 6. _____

(go/ever) 7. _____

(drive/never) 8. _____