

“Essential IELTS Language: Still, Yet, Anymore” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

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In this movie we will look at words that show a situation or event has changed or has not changed.

Terms looked at are:

Still  
Yet  
Anymore  
Any longer  
No longer  
Already

The topic we will look at for this movie relates to a IELTS General Task One letter. However, the language used in these examples can be applied to all IELTS Writing Tasks and the Speaking Exam.

- 1: I am still working at the same restaurant that I was when we last saw each other.
- 2: I still live at the same house as last time we met.
- 3: Are you still studying part-time?
- 4: Are you still thinking of moving overseas to work?

1, 2, 3 & 4: “Still” is used to refer to a situation or action that has not changed or stopped.

1, 2, 3 & 4: “Still” usually goes in the middle of a sentence with the verb.

5: I am still sharing a house with Bob, but we are not living at the same address anymore. We moved to another house last month.

5: Here “still” is used to show that a situation has not changed from the past (living with Bob) and “anymore” is used to indicate something has changed (not at the same address). Note that “anymore” can also be written as two words, “any more”.



6: I am not living in the same apartment anymore. I moved to a new one closer to the city last month.

7: I am not living at the same address any longer.

8: Tom and I are no longer sharing a house. He moved to London two months ago, so I am living by myself now.

6, 7 & 8: "Anymore", "any longer" and "no longer" have the same meaning - a situation has changed or has stopped.

6 & 7: "Anymore" and "any longer" go at the end of a sentence.

8: "No longer" is used in the middle of a sentence.

9: Have you got a job as an accountant yet?

10: I have not decided what post-graduate course I will do yet.

11: I have not heard whether my immigration application was successful yet.

9, 10 & 11: "Yet" goes at the end of a sentence to show that a situation is expected to change. Unlike "still", "yet" is used in a negative way.

12: Have you been promoted to manager yet?

13: Are you still waiting to be promoted to manager?

14: I have not been paid the money the company owes me yet.

15: I still have not been paid the money the company owe me.

12 & 13: The first question is essentially asking the same question as the second (have you been promoted?). However, "yet" is asking has the situation changed. "Still", on the other hand, is asking whether the situation is still the same.

14 & 15: Although these two examples are saying similar things, there are slight differences: "yet" suggest that he is expecting to be paid in the future; "still" indicates he should have been paid by now and is annoyed.

16: Shall I send you Jane's new address or do you already have it?

17: I finished my engineering course last month and I already have a job with a mining company.

18: I called about a job that was advertised in the newspaper but the company had already given it to someone else.

16, 17 & 18: "Already" is used to show that something has or might have happened sooner than expected.