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STILL OR YET

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This post is about the differences between still and yet. We will discuss some of the simple differences between still and yet and also offer a vocabulary boost with some important phrases using yet and still.

Grammar:

Yet and still can have a similar meaning, but this depends on the verb tense used and if it is affirmative, negative or interrogative.

YET is an adverb that we usually use at the end of a sentence. It normally means something that is expected to happen or something that is still in progress:

When we use the interrogative form YET generally means the same as already:

Have you finished the washing up yet?

Have you figured out the answer yet?

When we use the negative form YET has a very similar meaning to still (in progress) or hasn't begun:

I haven't done the housework yet.

STILL is an adverb that generally means "in progress":

We use STILL in the affirmative form in the present continuous:

I am still listening to the radio, don't turn it off!

Also, we use STILL in the negative form with the present perfect, this way it means YET:

I still haven't met your parents and you still haven't come to the UK to meet mine.



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Fixed expressions with YET:

Yet still = even so, however

As yet = so far, up to now

So near yet so far = very close, nearly

Not just yet = not at the moment

Fixed expressions with STILL:

Still and all = nevertheless

The best is still to come = the future holds something better

It is still early days = it is too soon to call

Hold still = not move

Still going strong = continue being successful or healthy

The still of the night = the silence and calm at night

Yet and still can be confusing adverbs and you need to make sure you review them. Take a look at our posts on grammar structures ([HERE](#)) to get our free PDFs and practice.