

English: Common Core Classes

Unit 9 (Environment & Ecology) - Grammar

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I- Activities

1-1/ Pollution

Present perfect with: yet, already, ever, never

A: Have you found any information about pollution yet?

B: Yes, I have already surfed the internet, but I haven't taken any notes yet.

A: Have you ever heard of the greenhouse effect?

B: No, I have never heard of that.

Activity 1

In which sentences are yet, already, ever, and never used in the conversation? Check the appropriate box:

	Yet	Already	Ever	Never
Affirmative				
Negative				
Interrogative				

Sandi : Say, David, would you like to go jogging?

David : Oh, sorry I can't. I have to finish a presentation for the science class tomorrow.

Sandi : Can I help ? What is it about?

David: Pollution. I'm browsing the Internet for ideas.

Sandi: Have you found any information yet?

David: Yes, I' ve already written the outline, but I need to develop some ideas.

Sandi: what are you going to talk about?

David : Have you ever heard of noise pollution? Sandi : Noise pollution? I've never heard of that! David: Many people don't know about it. You know?

It can cause serious health problems.

Sandi: Oh, really? Like what?

David: High blood pressure and sleep loss, for example.

Sandi : You know what? We are very lucky to live in a small town.

David: Yeah. I think we are too.



Activity 2

•		rrect form of the verbs in b out the garbage ye		
		out the garbage ye It out, but		
	cake / not collect)	10 040, 540	one garbage order	
,	,	class ever	to the Amazon forest? (go)
		there, but I	· ·	
	out it on TV. (be / see)		Ť	
3. Bill :	your father	writing that be	ook on desertification yet	t? (finish)
Jack : Yes, he _	already _	it. It's in the	e bookstores now. (publi	sh)
4. Mary :	you	the environment pro	gram yet? (start)	
		the beach. I		ing trees in the
park. (clean)				
1-2/ Deforest	tation			

	B: Yes I have. I saw	Present perfect vs Simple past en a documentary on the Amaze it last month. In the report on deforestation yet?	on?	
	B: Yes I have, I wrot	e it yesterday. nave already started the anti poll		
Activity 1				
•	he conversations with th	e correct form of the verbs	in brackets:	
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	you ever	a camal? (rida)		
	•	one last summer when	I in the	Sahara (ride /
be)	+	one last summer when	I III (II)	summa, (fide /
2-				
	your father	the garden yet? (fir	nish)	
	=	vers yesterday, but he		plant / not water
3-			ν-	•
A :	John	that report on the Africar	n gorillas yet? (finish)	
		it last week. He		

another one on the pandas. (finish / begin)

A:	firefighters	out that forest fire yet? (put)
B : Yes, they	They	it out last night. (put)
5-		
A:	your school ever	in an environment project? (participate)
B : Yes. We	1000 trees in our	neighbourhood last month. (plant)

Activity 2

• Write two things you have never done, two things you want to do but haven't done yet, and two things you have already done to help the environment.

1-3/ Save the Planet

May for possibility in the present or future.

Take your coat! It *may* turn cold in the evening. Don't drink that water. It *may* be infected

The earth's temperature *may* rise because of the greenhouse effect.

Don't throw away those newspapers. You may use them to clean your windows.

Activity 1

• Match the clauses in column A with the appropriate information in column B :

- 1. What you throw out in your garbage....
- 2. Water pollution in rivers, lakes and seas....
- 3. The Maamora forest may disappear....
- 4. If we don't protect some species, ...
- 5. If you use low-energy light bulbs,
- 6. People may save money and energy if....
- 7. If you live in a polluted city,
- 8. Elephants may disappear from Africa if

- a. you may risk getting cancer.
- b. we keep hunting them.
- c. if people continue cutting it down.
- d. they may become extinct.
- e. may be recycled and reused.
- f. you may save electricity.
- g. if they walk or ride bicycles to work.
- h. may kill fish and other organisms.

II- Practice

2-1/ Exercise 1

• Read the passage below to answer this question: What does Mrs. Smith do to save electricity and water?

It is 7:00 p.m. and Mrs. Smith is in the kitchen. She is peeling potatoes to make French fries. On the kitchen counter, there is some meat that she wants to fry when her husband comes from work. Her husband usually gets home at 7:15, so he will soon be here. There is a small TV set in the kitchen, but it is not on. Mrs. Smith usually turns it off after she watches the daily soap opera at 5:30 with her friends. In the sink, there are some dirty cups and a coffee pot. Mrs. Smith usually drinks coffee with her friends as they watch TV, but she never cleans the dishes before dinner. She thinks this is a good way not to waste water. The dog is sleeping on the floor. Mrs. Smith usually feeds him at 4:30 in the afternoon, but it is Mr. Smith who walks him after dinner. He also takes out the garbage before he goes to bed. Mr. Smith will certainly watch TV this evening because his favourite documentary "Save the planet" is at 7:15. So he will watch it as he has dinner with his wife.

2-2/ Exercise 2

- Reread the text, and then write what has "already" happened and what hasn't happened "yet".
- 1. Mrs. Smith hasn't had dinner yet.
- 2. She has already watched her favourite serial.

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10.
2-3/ Exercise 3
• Write full sentences to answer the following questions. Give real answers using "already", " yet" or "never".
1. Have you ever planted a tree?
2. Have you ever saved an animal?
3. Have you ever participated in an environment campaign?
4. Have you ever seen a forest fire?
5. Have you ever watched a documentary on deforestation?
6. Have you ever thought of recycling garbage?
2-4/ Exercise 4
• Put the verbs in the past simple or the present perfect :
Reporter : Good afternoon listeners. The fire in Oak forest is still spreading; I (never/see)
a fire like that in my life. It (start) six hours ago, and the
firefighters (put out/it) yet. They (use) all their
equipment, but the wind is making things very difficult. With me is Mr. John McGregor, one of the firefighters. I'm going to ask him a few questions. Mr. McGregor, when do you think the fire (start) ?
McGregor: We (get) the first emergency call at 4:00 a.m. The fire probably started
an hour earlier. This is the second time this forest catches fire. Last year, we (have) a similar problem in this area, and we (not/find out) the cause of the disaster yet.
Reporter: How much time will it take before you put it out?
McGregor: It all depends on the wind. Actually, we (never/have) a strong wind
like this one in the region. Last year, it (take) only four hours to extinguish the
fire, but the wind (not be) so strong.

Reporter: Thank you Mr. N	McGregor. Now, listeners,	as you have heard, this seems to be the	e worst disaster	
this region (ever/know) $__$	ever/know) Many people in the village nearby (already/leave)			
the	ir homes, hoping that the	y will be able to come back soon.		
2-5/ Exercise 5				
• Put the verbs in the pa	ast simple or the present p	perfect:		
A:	you	(finish) your evening chores yet?		
B : I	_ (already / take out) the	e garbage and I	_ (also / water)	
the garden, but (not walk) t	the dog yet.			
A : When	(you / take out) t	he garbage?		
B : I	_ (take it out) an hour ag	go; at 6:00, and I	(water) the	
garden at 6:30.				
A : I	_ (walk) my dog yet, eith	er; so we can go together.		