

Surprising Information

We use these words to show (some) surprise about the time when something happens. Look at them and make sure you know what they mean.

still / yet / already / no longer / any more / at last

Now try to put them into these sentences.

You will need to use two of the phrases more than once.

- ~ Jorge and Katrina are both 16. They _____ have two children.
- ~ Ethel is 34. She hasn't been on her first date _____ .
- ~ Peter is 37. He _____ lives with his mother and father.
- ~ Ted has been married for ten years. He wants to leave his wife because he doesn't love her _____ .
- ~ Mary and Roger are 55. They were dating for twenty years. Yesterday they got married _____ .
- ~ Samantha is 40. She hasn't learned to swim _____ .
- ~ Masa is 39. He _____ reads comics.
- ~ Naomi is 25. She _____ reads comics because now she prefers reading books.

Compare your answers with other class members. Do you agree?

Now can you match the words with the right definition?

1	still	An action continued in the past but now it has stopped. The verb in the sentence is always negative or a question.
2	already	The speaker is surprised because an action has happened later than expected.
3	yet	An action (or situation) is continuing - it started earlier maybe the speaker is surprised.
4	no longer	An action has happened early. The speaker is surprised.
5	any more	An action is late. It hasn't happened. The speaker is surprised (used with negative verbs / questions).
6	at last	An action has stopped now. It is not happening now. It continued in the past - then stopped.