

American English File ²

Present Perfect

Already / Yet



wash the dishes



clean bathroom

Which one is easier?

Which one is relaxing?





cook



do laundry

**Which one would you
like to do?**





vacuum the floor



iron the clothes

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Which one is better?

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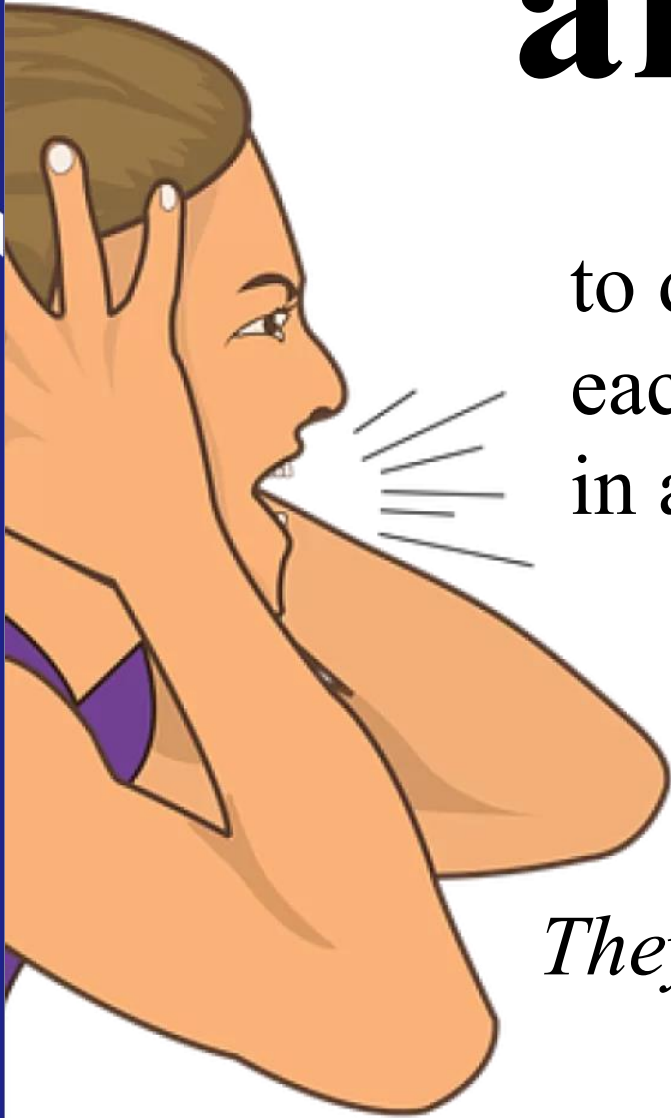
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argue_(v)

to disagree with
each other, usually
in an angry way

They are arguing.



a messy bedroom

(adj)

= untidy, disorganized



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I have **already** [p.p]
Mike has **already** [p.p]

I

I've already watered the plants.



wipe off the mirror

Mindy

Mindy has already wiped off the mirror.



clean the toilet

Kevin

Kevin has already cleaned the toilet.





wash the dishes

I haven't [p.p] ... **yet.**
Sue hasn't [p.p] ... **yet.**

I

I haven't washed the dishes yet.



do laundry

Joe

Joe hasn't done the laundry yet.



vacuum the floor

Lucy

Lucy hasn't vacuumed the floor yet.





put away the clothes

You

You've already put away the clothes.



clean up the bedroom

John

John hasn't cleaned up the bedroom yet.



take out the garbage

Mike

Mike's already taken out the garbage.



3 GRAMMAR

present perfect + yet and *already*

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washing the dishes?
B Not yet.
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Make conversations with your partners. Use some activities from the list.

A: Have you?
B: I have already ...
OR
B: I haven't yet.



make your bed



do laundry



wash the dishes

A: Has he?
B: He has already ...
OR
B: He hasn't yet.



iron the clothes



fold the clothes



vacuum

A: Has she?
B: She has already ...
OR
B: She hasn't yet.



hang out the clothes



take out the garbage



water the plants



2 SPEAKING

Answer the questions in pairs.

Your country

- Do men and women both do housework? Who does more? Do you think this is fair?
- In a typical family, how much housework do teenagers do? What kind of jobs do they do?
- What housework do you think younger children (e.g., seven- and eight-year-olds) can do?

You

- Who does the most housework in your house or apartment? Is everyone happy with this? Do you ever argue about it?
- What housework do you do? How often do you do it?
- What housework do you hate doing? What don't you mind doing?
- Is there any housework you enjoy doing? Do you ever find housework relaxing?
- Have you done any housework today? What?

