

Getting Ready for Christmas

1 Warm Up Work with a partner.

- Have you bought any Christmas presents yet?



2 Conversation Practice with a partner.



Scene: Jackie is talking to Bob about Christmas

Jackie: So - it's almost Christmas!

Bob: Yeah - but I haven't started preparing yet...

Jackie: You're kidding! Have you bought any presents?

Bob: Well, no. I haven't bought anything yet. I might go this weekend.

Jackie: Have you bought a tree? I bought one a few days ago.

Bob: Well, I have last year's. But I haven't decorated it yet. I've been so busy!

Jackie: You need to hurry! I've finished almost everything!

3 Comprehension Make full sentences using the cues.

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| 1. Bob / start preparing | <u>Bob hasn't started preparing yet.</u> |
| 2. Bob / buy presents | _____ |
| 3. Jackie / buy a Christmas Tree | _____ |
| 4. Bob / decorate his Christmas Tree | _____ |
| 5. Jackie / finish almost everything | _____ |

4 Role-playing #1 Use the cues below and have a conversation with your partner.

Christmas Preparation List						
		Done	Not Yet		Done	Not Yet
1)	Buy a turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4)	Decorate the house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)	Send Christmas cards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5)	Buy some presents	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	Make a Christmas cake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6)	Wrap the presents	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5 Role-playing #2 Practice again with a partner. This time, give true answers!



Getting Ready for Christmas: Teaching Notes

Target Structure:	Present Perfect with Yet & Already
Vocabulary:	Christmas
Level:	Elementary
Time:	30 minutes
Preparation:	None

Suggested Teaching Method

Students need lots of practice with the Present Perfect. This lesson looks at 'Yet' & 'Already' with a Christmas theme.

- ❶ The opening question is a warm up, which help to introduce the topic. Students should work in pairs. Elicit some answers, but don't correct mistakes at this stage. The short discussion will give you an idea of how well the students can use the target language.
- ❷ Follow the instructions. Students should practice once, and then change roles. Encourage the students to look up and make eye-contact with each other when speaking.
- ❸ To make this more challenging, students can cover the conversation before writing the answers. Students should work alone and then check in pairs.
To build confidence in using the Present Perfect with questions, set up a speaking drill. Student 'A' can ask a question using the cues in this exercise. Student B can give answers.
e.g. A: Has Bob started preparing yet?
 B: No, he hasn't.
This is also a good practice of the third person for students who like to say 'Yes, he have!'...
- ❹ This is a controlled exercise: the answers are fixed. Demonstrate with a confident student. Place students in new pairs, and have them change roles. Encourage eye contact and intonation when speaking.
- ❺ Students can now personalize the language. Encourage students to use their own ideas. If imagination is somewhat lacking, they can use the cues given in exercise four.
Depending on the nationality of your students, New Year preparations can make for a better topic for this exercise.

Answer Key (Other answers are possible, including using 'already' in positive statements.)

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 - 2) Bob hasn't bought (any) presents yet.
 - 3) Jackie has bought a Christmas Tree.
 - 4) Bob hasn't decorated his Christmas Tree yet.
 - 5) Jackie has finished almost everything.

How are we doing?



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