

Activity Type

Reading, listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Present perfect with 'just'

Common everyday expressions

Aim

To play a card game where you listen to common everyday expressions and guess what has just happened.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this rewarding present perfect activity, students play a card game where they listen to common everyday expressions and guess what has just happened.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards face down.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Explain that the students are going to play a guessing game to practice the present perfect with 'just'.

The aim of the game is to listen to common everyday expressions and guess what has just happened.

The students take it in turns to pick up a card and read the expression in bold to the group, e.g. 'I'll get it'.

The other students then try to guess what has just happened by making present perfect sentences with 'You've just...'

The first student to guess the correct answer wins and keeps the card, e.g. 'You've just heard a knock at the door'.

The next student then picks up a card and so on.

If students are unable to guess the exact answer, a close enough answer can be accepted.

The game continues until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

I'll get it.

Answer: You've just heard a knock at the door.

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Answer: You've just started studying.

Do you take sugar?

Answer: You've just made some tea/coffee.

Which floor do you want?

Answer: You've just got in a lift.

Buckle up!

Answer: You've just got in a car.

I'm stuffed.

Answer: You've just eaten a big meal.

How do you do?

Answer: You've just been introduced to someone.

We are out of milk.

Answer: You've just opened the fridge.

Bless you.

Answer: You've just sneezed.

I'm soaked.

Answer: You've just been out in the rain.

Keep the change.

Answer: You've just paid a taxi driver.

I'll answer it.

Answer: You've just heard the phone ring.

Your room is 1608. Have a nice day.

Answer: You've just checked in to a hotel.

Go down the street and turn left.

Answer: You've just been asked directions.

Mind your own business!

Answer: You've just been asked something very personal.

Could I have the bill, please?

Answer: You've just finished a meal in a restaurant.

You may now kiss the bride.

Answer: You've just got married.

What do you want to watch?

Answer: You've just turned on the TV.

I can't find them anywhere.

Answer: You've just lost your keys.

I'm sorry. The bus was late.

Answer: You've just arrived late to class.

Great! Can I bring a friend?

Answer: You've just been invited to a party.

Looks like no one is home.

Answer: You've just knocked on the door.

Stop, thief!

Answer: You've just been robbed.

They don't fit.

Answer: You've just tried on a pair of jeans/trousers/shoes.