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Unit 9 (Environment & Ecology) - Grammar

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I- Activities

1-1/ Pollution

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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

- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets :

1. Mother : _____ you _____ out the garbage yet, Debbie? (take)
Debbie : Yes, I _____ already _____ It out, but the garbage truck _____ already it yet. (take / not collect)

2. Teacher : _____ anybody in class ever _____ to the Amazon forest? (go)
Tom : I _____ never _____ there, but I _____ already _____ already a documentary about it on TV. (be / see)

3. Bill : _____ your father _____ writing that book on desertification yet? (finish)
Jack : Yes, he _____ already _____ it. It's in the bookstores now. (publish)

4. Mary : _____ you _____ the environment program yet? (start)
Kate : Yes, we _____ already _____ the beach. Next week, we are planting trees in the park. (clean)

1-2/ Deforestation

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Present perfect vs Simple past
A: Have you ever seen a documentary on the Amazon?
B: Yes I have. I saw it last month.
A: Have you written the report on deforestation yet?
B: Yes I have, I wrote it yesterday.
A: The city council have already started the anti pollution campaign.
B: Really? When?
A: They started it last week.

Activity 1

- Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets :

1-

A : _____ you ever _____ a camel? (ride)
B : Yes, I _____ I _____ one last summer when I _____ in the Sahara , (ride / be)

2-

A : _____ your father _____ the garden yet? (finish)
B : Yes, he He _____ some flowers yesterday, but he _____ them yet. (plant / not water)

3-

A : _____ John _____ that report on the African gorillas yet? (finish)
B : Yes. he _____ . He _____ it last week. He _____ already _____ another one on the pandas. (finish / begin)

4-

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

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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....	a. you may risk getting cancer.
2. Water pollution in rivers, lakes and seas....	b. we keep hunting them.
3. The Maamora forest may disappear....	c. if people continue cutting it down.
4. If we don't protect some species, ...	d. they may become extinct.
5. If you use low-energy light bulbs, ...	e. may be recycled and reused.
6. People may save money and energy if....	f. you may save electricity.
7. If you live in a polluted city, ...	g. if they walk or ride bicycles to work.
8. Elephants may disappear from Africa if	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.

3.

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8.

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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. McGregor. Now, listeners, as you have heard, this seems to be the worst disaster this region (ever/know) _____. Many people in the village nearby (already/leave) _____ their homes, hoping that they will be able to come back soon.

2-5/ Exercise 5

- Put the verbs in the past simple or the present perfect :

A : _____ you _____ (finish) your evening chores yet?

B : I _____ (already / take out) the garbage and I _____ (also / water) the garden, but (not walk) the dog yet.

A : When _____ (you / take out) the garbage?

B : I _____ (take it out) an hour ago; at 6:00, and I _____ (water) the garden at 6:30.

A : I _____ (walk) my dog yet, either; so we can go together.