

Just and Only Exercise

- ♦ **Just** and **Only** have a lot of different meanings and uses
- ♦ I strongly recommend you check them in a dictionary and make a few notes
- ♦ Sometimes **just** and **only** both mean 'merely':-

Just one hour to finish = only one hour to finish

- ♦ But,
I've just seen Michael means *a short time ago* and,
I've only seen Michael means *Michael but noone else*

DIFFERENCES IN MEANING

JUST

Example

I've just finished ⇨

We just missed the train

Just in front of my house

That's just perfect ⇨

Use

1 *a short time ago*

2 *by a small amount*

3 *a short distance from*

4 *exactly, perfectly*

ONLY

Example

Adults only ⇨

Not only expensive but bad quality

If only... ⇨

My only concern ⇨

Use

5 *exclusively*

6 *adding qualities*

7 *wishing*

8 *unique*

A Number the uses and fill the gaps with **just** and **only**.

- 1 certain people find Monty Python funny.
- 2 If I had the money, I'd go to Vanuatu.
- 3 Everything about the hotel was the way I like it.
- 4 I've finished a big project I'd been working on for months.
- 5 Not is that restaurant expensive but it's also not especially good.
- 6 an intelligent boss understands the importance of holidays.
- 7 The thing that worries me is the lack of time.
- 8 There's a greengrocer's in front of the school.
- 9 He missed the last bus home by 3 minutes.
- 10 They moved apartment last week.
- 11 If the teacher would give us a little more time to revise for the exams.
- 12 She's not rude but greedy too.
- 13 Their wedding was fantastic.
- 14 There's a café a stone's throw from here.

B Now write some examples of your own.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4





Answers

- 1 5 Only certain people find Monty Python funny.
- 2 7 If only I had the money, I'd go to Vanuatu.
- 3 4 Everything about the hotel was just the way I like it.
- 4 1 I've just finished a big project I'd been working on for months.
- 5 6 Not only is that restaurant expensive but it's also not especially good.
- 6 5 Only an intelligent boss understands the importance of holidays.
- 7 8 The only thing that worries me is the lack of time.
- 8 3 There's a greengrocer's just in front of the school.
- 9 2 He just missed the last bus home by 3 minutes.
- 10 1 They just moved apartment last week.
- 11 7 If only the teacher would give us a little more time to revise for the exams.
- 12 6 She's not only rude but greedy too.
- 13 4 Their wedding was just fantastic.
- 14 3 There's a café just a stone's throw from here.

