

Adverbs “ещё” and “уже”

Time in the Russian language is described with the help of the adverbs **ещё** and **уже**.

The adverb **ещё** can mean that:

- a process has not started yet;
- the desired result has not been achieved so far;
- an action which was to have finished at the moment of speech is still going on.

— У тебя есть машина?

— **Ещё** нет.

“Do you have a car?”

“No, not yet.”

— Он работает?

— Нет, он **ещё** студент.

“Does he work?”

“No, he is still a student.”

— Ольга отдыхает?

— Нет, она **ещё** работает.

“Is Olga resting?”

“No, she is still working.”

— Ты сейчас обедаешь?

— **Ещё** нет, я работаю.

“Are you having lunch?”

“No, not yet. I am working.”

The adverb **уже** can mean that:

- a process has finished;
- the result has been achieved;
- there is already another action under way at the moment of speech.

— У тебя есть машина?

— Да, **уже** есть!

“Do you have a car?”

“Yes, I have one already!”

— Он студент?

— Нет, он **уже** работает.

“Is he a student?”

“No, he is already working.”

— Ольга отдыхает?

— Да, она **уже** отдыхает.

“Is Olga resting?”

“Yes, she is already resting.”

— Ты сейчас обедаешь?

— Нет, я **уже** работаю. **обед уже закончился**

“Are you having lunch?”

“No, I am already working.” **lunch is over**