

STILL - YET - ANY MORE/LONGER

• **STILL** is often heard in negative or interrogative sentences when the speaker confirms a previous negative statement or repeats a question to which he has previously had an affirmative answer and expects that this time too, the answer will be affirmative.

- *I didn't believe him yesterday and **still** don't believe him.*
- *He didn't smoke when he was in the army and he **still** doesn't.*
- *Do you **still** have English lessons at school?*

• **YET** could not be used in place of "still" since "yet" asks whether an action has, in the meantime, occurred; "still" enquires whether an action, already begun, continues at present.

- *The manager hasn't come in **yet** so the workmen are **still** waiting for instructions.*

• **ANY MORE/LONGER**, at the end of a negative sentence, indicates that an action that went on in the past has been discontinued.

- *He **isn't** working in that office **any more**.*
- *They **don't** live in that house **any longer**.*

"No longer" is a more formal alternative. It goes in mid position, and it means that something is finished:

- *The railway closed down years ago, so there's **no longer** a railway station here.*

1. - Have you telephoned the office _____?
- No, I _____ haven't spoken to the manager.
2. Do people _____ drink so much tea in Britain?
3. John didn't like hard work in his youth and he _____ doesn't.
4. Even after our teacher explanation I _____ didn't understand.
5. Will you _____ be here when I come back?
6. I've looked everywhere for the address but I _____ can't find it.
7. I couldn't sing when I was a boy and I _____ can't sing a note.
8. They are _____ bitter enemies, although they never see each other _____.
9. Ali and Halim haven't used the Underground _____.
10. This machine is in a terrible condition. I can't use it _____!
- 11 - Does he _____ play football and tennis?
- No, he doesn't play football _____ but he _____ plays tennis occasionally.
- 12 - Doesn't she go out with Keith _____?
- Yes, they're _____ good friends.
- 13 - Hasn't she left home _____?
- No, she's _____ living with her parents.
- 14 - Is it _____ raining?
- No, it's not raining _____.