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4 ways to use 'just'



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Hi! I'm Saskia from BBC Learning English. Today, I'm going to tell you 4 ways to use the word 'just' as an adverb.

One way we use 'just' is for things happening at this moment.

Patrick

Do you want to go for a coffee?

Saskia

Hang on! **I'm just finishing this video.**

'Just' can also mean 'only'. **This book cost me just one pound.**

Patrick

Wow that was cheap!

Saskia

'Just' often means 'exactly'.

Patrick

What time is it?

Saskia

It's just four o'clock.

Patrick

Saskia, here's a present for you.

Saskia

Thanks! **It's just what I wanted!**

You can also use **'just'** to emphasise other words and expressions. **I just love this shirt!**

So that's four ways to use **'just'**. Just in time! I'd better go for that coffee!