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’ -

\[ \text{Just one hour to finish} = \text{only one hour to finish} \]

- 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

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| We just missed the train | 2) *by a small amount* | Not only expensive but bad quality | 6) *adding qualities*
| Just in front of my house | 3) *a short distance from* | If only... ⇒ | 7) *wishing* |
| That's just perfect ⇒ | 4) *exactly, perfectly* | My only concern ⇒ | 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. □ .......................... 

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Answers

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