

Uses of **JUST** - Giusto, Proprio, Esattamente, Appena, Solamente, Semplicemente

GIUSTO / ESATTAMENTE IN QUEL MOMENTO

We got to the station **just in time**, the train was **just about** to leave. (giusto in tempo)
He was **just** leaving when the phone rang. (stava giusto partendo...)
I'm **just** finishing my homework - it won't take long.
Just then Mrs Robovitch appeared at the door.
Just as I opened the door, the phone began to ring.
We moved here **just after** our son was born.
I saw her **just before** she left.



PROPRIO / ESATTAMENTE

Has anyone ever told you that you look **just like** ...? (tu assomigli proprio a...)
The holidays were great; **just** how we planned them. (esattamente come...)
This is **just as good as** that.
I love this country **just as much as** you do.
Just what do you think you're trying to do? (esattamente cosa credi di fare?)
A nice hot bath is **just the** (right) **thing** to relax sore muscles.
It's **just on** four o'clock. (British English)
It's **just under** three centimetres long.
I don't think it will rain but bring an umbrella **just in case**.

APPENA / POCO TEMPO FA (qui richiede il Present Perfect)

John has **just** told me that he's getting married. (Mi ha appena detto che...)
I'm sorry you missed him, he has **just** left.
I've **just** been out shopping.
I've **just** got back from India.
I **just** flew in from Los Angeles and boy are my arms tired...(old American joke)

SEMPLICEMENTE / PER DARE ENFASI

It **just** isn't true. = It **simply** isn't true. (semplicemente non è vero)
I **just love** being in the mountains!
It was **just** wonderful to see Joyce again!
I **just wish** I could believe you.
Just think, next week we'll be in London!

SOLAMENTE / NIENTE DI PIU' (se intendi così - suggerisco che usi 'ONLY')

No, I don't mean it; I'm not serious; I'm **just** kidding. (sto solo scherzando)
Don't be too hard on him - he's **just** a kid. (è solamente un bambino)
Just a minute, I'll see if I can find it for you. (un minuto solo...)
It's nothing serious - **just** a small cut.
It's not **just** me - there are other people involved as well.
I'm **just saying** I think it could be a mistake.
Not just any olive oil, mind you- only the finest quality will do.
Just because you're older than me, it doesn't mean you can tell me what to do.
No, I do like Chinese food, **it's just that** I'm not hungry.
We **had just barely enough** money to eat.