



QUESTION TAG

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Question tag: A question tag is a short addition to the statement asking for confirmation. We use question tags to get our statement confirmed.

Example :

We are proud of her, **aren't we?**

She was not telling a lie, **was she?**

Basic Rule : If the statement is positive, the question tag is negative. If the statement is negative, the question tag is positive.

{ We are proud of her, aren't we? }

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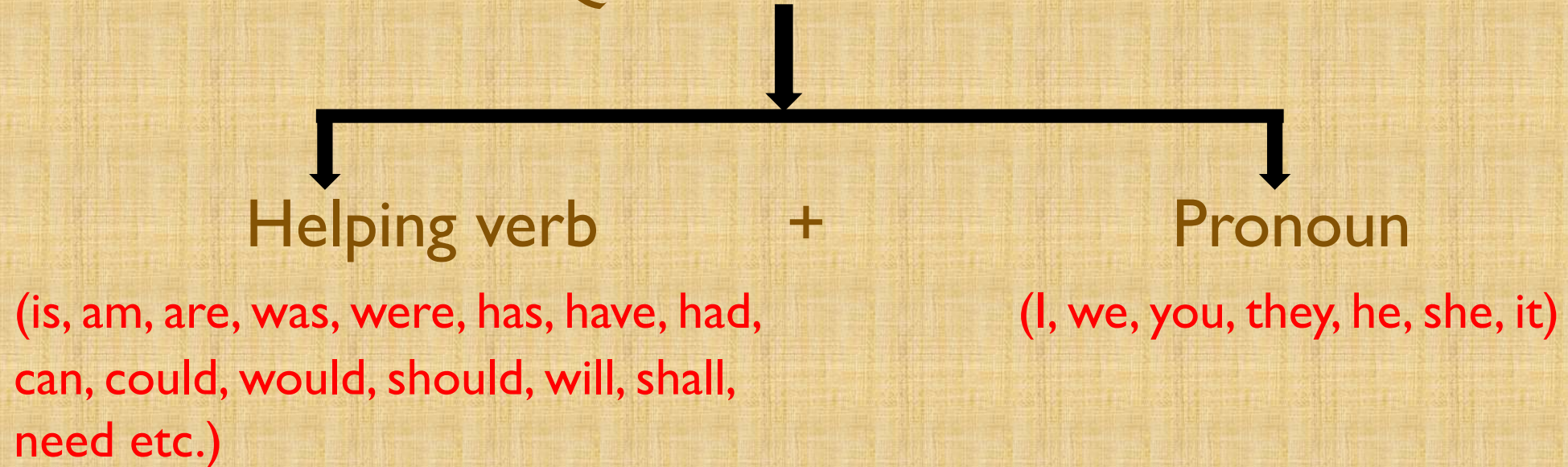
(positive statement) (negative Q Tag)

We cannot park our car here, can we?

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(Negative statement) (positive Q Tag)

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The question tag consist of only two words :
HELPING VERB and **PRONOUN**

- 1) Madhu is proud, **isn't she?**
- 2) I don't like to get up late, **do I?**

CASE I:

Helping verb and pronoun already present in the statement

Example:

He is going to England, **isn't he?**

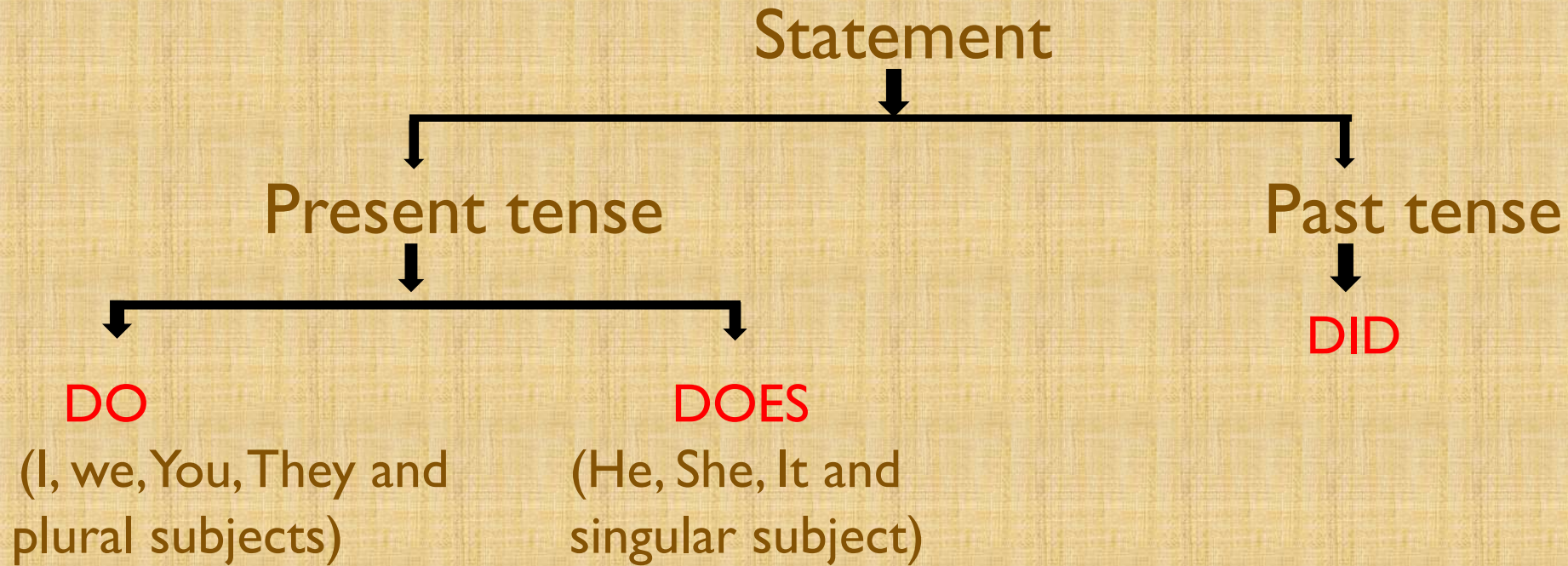
We should not violate the rules, **should we?**

The bus is red in colour, **isn't it?**

I needn't attend the meeting, **need I?**

John will tackle these problem, **won't he?**

CASE 2: When helping verb is not present in the statement.



Meera invited you to her birthday, **didn't she?**

Mukul drives fast, **doesn't he?**

Children like to play, **don't they?**

They defeated the enemy, **didn't they?**

The bus comes on time, **doesn't it?**

CASE 3: Definite cases

1) If statement begins with 'I am' question tag used is as follows:

- I am (positive statement) → aren't I?
- I am (negative statement) → am I?

Example:

I am careful while walking on the road, aren't I?

I am not coming with you, am I?

2) Statement beginning with let's always takes the question tag shall we?

Example:

- Lets go outside and play, shall we?
- Let us sit in the sun, shall we?

3) Imperative statements (order, request, advice, suggestion):

- Positive imperatives ⇒ **won't you?** or **will you?**
- Negative imperatives ⇒ **will you?**

Example:

- Don't disturb me, **will you?**
- Please help me, **won't you?**
- Have a cup of coffee, **won't you?**
- Don't forget to wake me up, **will you?**

If the imperative sentence begins with
'Let me', 'Let him', 'Let her', 'Let them', 'Let Karan'; etc.

- Let me do this work, **will you?**
- Let him go, **will you?**

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