

Tag Questions

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Exercise 1 – Learning

A 'Tag Question' is a short question that 'tags onto' (follows) a statement. Tag questions are an easy way to ask for confirmation.

We can come to your party tonight, can't we?

How are Tag Questions formed?

Tag questions are formed like this:

helping verb + subject pronoun.

If the statement is positive, the tag will be negative, and if the statement is negative, the tag will be positive.

- Positive statement, negative tag: It is hot outside, isn't it?
- Negative statement, positive tag: You don't hate me, do you?



How to respond to a Tag Question?

Usually, we answer tag questions with 'yes' or 'no'.

- It's hot outside, isn't it?
- Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.
- You don't like coffee, do you?
- Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

Regardless of the positivity/negativity of the tag, respond just as you would to a positive question:

- Is it hot outside?
- Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.
- It's hot outside, isn't it?
- Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.

Respond 'yes' when the answer is positive and respond 'no' when the answer is negative.



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

8. The dog barks a lot, ____?

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tag questions.

He's a singer, _____?
You're coming to our wedding, ____?
He's not going to eat that cake all by himself, ____?
She didn't buy shoes again, ____?
You can help me take out the trash, ____?
They will come pick you up, ____?
He likes sandwiches, ____?



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: finish this report by tomorrow. → You will finish this report by tomorrow, won't you?

Content:

- 1. talking about us.
- 2. meet with our business partner.
- 3. speak to the client tomorrow.
- 4. fixed the mistakes.
- 5. present your findings.
- 6. must go to school.