

TAG QUESTIONS

Tag Question হচ্ছে বাড়তি একটি Question যেটি একটি sentence এর পরে জুড়ে দেওয়া হয়। যেমনঃ-

It is a beautiful day, isn't it?

You are lucky, aren't you?

You're the new secretary, aren't you?

তবে Tag question সাধারণতঃ শুধুমাত্র Assertive Sentence এরই হয় এবং এটাই important. তাছাড়াও Imperative Sentence এর Tag Question আসতে পারে। কিন্তু Interrogative sentence এর কখনোই Tag Question হয় না।

Tag Question গঠন করার কয়েকটি Basic rule বা নীতি আছে এবং সবসময় এগুলো follow করেই Tag Question গঠন করা হয়।

Rule - 01:

যদি Sentence টি Affirmative হয় তাহলে Question টি Negative হবে। আর যদি Sentence টি Negative হয় তাহলে Question টি Affirmative হবে।

He is working hard these days, isn't he?

They have already completed this, haven't they?

You are not happy at all, are you?

He has never fallen in love before, has he?

You saw a bird, didn't you?

We could not evaluate the freedom, could we?

• Which one is the proper tag question, in,

'He always lags behind, . . ? (B Unit 2003 – 2004)

A. won't he B. can't he

C. didn't he D. doesn't he

Rule - 02:

Tag Question Form করার জন্য Verb টি সবসময় আসে Sentence থেকে। যদি Sentence এ কোন Auxiliary Verb বা Modal থাকে তাহলে Tag Question টি ও ঐ Auxiliary Verb বা Modal দিয়েই হবে।

They are having fun, aren't they?

He is not at home, is he?

I have seen her, haven't I?

You should study well, shouldn't you?

He cannot solve this problem, can he?

You will do this, won't you?

Maola Box can speak Spanish, can't he?

- Supply the right question tag to the sentence:

Farid is taller than Hamid, ----- (B Unit 1997 - 98)

A. isn't it? B. isn't not?

C. is it? D. isn't he?

- Supply the right question tag to this sentence:

You are taking the admission text, -----?

(B Unit 1996 - 1997)

A. won't you B. will you

C. aren't you D. why aren't you

আর যদি *Statement* টিতে *Main Verb* থাকে তাহলে

সেক্ষেত্রে *Tense* অনুযায়ী *do, does* কিংবা *did use* করে *Tag Question* গঠন করা হয়।

He slept a lot, didn't he?

They work hard, don't they?

He tries heart and soul, doesn't he?

- *Complete the sentence:*

'She often visits her home town, --- ?' with the suitable option. (B Unit 2005 - 2006)

A. hasn't she B. don't she

C. doesn't she D. has she

- The appropriate tag question for the blank in

'You forgot my birthday,-' is (B Unit 2002 - 2003)

A. haven't you? B. didn't you?

C. aren't you? D. wouldn't you?

Rule - 03:

Tag question গঠন করার *Subject* টি আসে *Statement* থেকে। *Statement* এ যে *Subject* টি থেকে তার *Suitable* কোনো *Pronoun* সবসময় *Tag Question* এর *Subject* হিসেবে আসবে।

Students are not attentive, are they?

The people of our country are not conscious of their rights, are they?

Students should remain serious about the admission test, shouldn't they?

Rule - 04:

যখন Tag Question টি Negative হবে সেক্ষেত্রে সবসময় সংক্ষিপ্তরূপ ব্যবহার করে Tag Question গঠন করা হয়।

He will do this, won't he?

He can help us, can't he?

I shall accomplish this, shan't I?

উপরোক্ত চারটি Basic Rule এর উপর ভিত্তি করে আমরা মোটামুটি সবক্ষেত্রে Tag Question গঠন করতে পারি। কিন্তু তারপর ও কিছু Critical situation আসে যেখানে Tag Question গঠন করাটা কঠিন হয়ে দাঁড়ায়।

Rule - 05:

যদি কোন Sentence এ Principal Clause এবং Subordinate Clause থাকে সেক্ষেত্রে Principal Clause এর Subject এবং Verb ব্যবহার করে Tag Question গঠন করতে হবে।

He told that you were not at home, didn't he?

When you go there, I will meet you, won't I?

It is found that an ancient king had many wives, isn't it?

Rule - 06:

Sentence এ যদি hardly, barely, rarely, scarcely, seldom, little, few ইত্যাদি থাকে সেক্ষেত্রে Sentence টি Negative হয়ে যায় বলে Tag Question টি Affirmative হবে।

I could hardly go there, could I?

He rarely remembers his past, does he?

Few people were present there, were they?

There's little we can do about it, is there?

It's hardly rained do this summer, has it?

Rule - 07:

দ্ব্যর্থবোধক Verb দিয়ে যদি কোন Statement হয় সেক্ষেত্রে Tag Question গঠন করার বেলায় সতর্কভাবে করতে হবে।

He's working now, isn't he?

He's worked a lot, hasn't he?

He'd go there, wouldn't he?

He'd gone there, hadn't he?

Rule - 08:

have, has এবং had যদি Main Verb হিসেবে আসে সেক্ষেত্রে Tag Question গঠন করতে গেলে American Style এবং British Style এর কারণে Tag Question এর গঠনে একটা Variation আসে। তবে আমরা দুই ধরনের Style কেই Correct হিসেবে গণ্য করবো।

The man has a lot of works to do, hasn't he? (British)

The man has a lot of works to do, doesn't he? (American)

He had a sharp look, hadn't he? (British)

He had a sharp look, didn't he? (American)

Rule - 09:

Here, There কিংবা It দিয়ে যদি কোন Statement হয় সেক্ষেত্রে Tag question গঠন করার সময় here, there কিংবা it কেই Tag question এর Subject হিসেবে ব্যবহার করা হয়।

Here is the money isn't here?

There's something wrong, isn't there?

There weren't any problems, were there?

It rains, doesn't it?

It's a beautiful day, isn't it?

Rule - 10:

Someone, somebody everyone, everybody, none, nobody, anyone, anybody- এসব Indefinite Person যদি statement এর subject হিসেবে আসে সেক্ষেত্রে Tag Question এর Subject হিসেবে they কে use করাটাই better.

Somebody built this castle, didn't they?

Everyone was present, wasn't they?

Nobody has been found guilty, has they?

Nobody was there, was they?

Somebody wanted a drink, didn't they?

Something, everything, anything কিংবা nothing যদি statement এর subject হিসেবে থাকে তাহলে it কে use করতে হবে Tag Question এর subject হিসেবে।

Something has happened to you, hasn't it?

Nothing can happen, can it?

Rule - 11:

Let's কিংবা Let us দিয়ে যদি কোন statement হয় সেক্ষেত্রে tag question হিসেবে সবসময় shall we ব্যবহৃত হবে।

Let us have some fur, shall we?

Let's go for a picnic, shall we?

Rule - 12:

এবার Tag Question এর কিছু Exceptional উদাহরণ দেখ এবং এগুলো মনে রাখ।

I'm right, aren't I?

We had to swim, didn't we?

We ought to go, shouldn't we?

Rule - 13:

Imperative Sentence এর Tag Question গঠন করার জন্য আমরা সাধারণত Will কিংবা can ব্যবহার করি।

Sit down, won't you?

Shut up, can't you?

Checklist for three things in tag endings:

- Does the ending use the same person as the sentence

verb?

- Does the ending use the same tense as the sentence

verb?

- If the sentence verb is positive, is the ending negative? If the sentence verb is negative, is the ending positive?

It's nice here, isn't it?

They'll be here tomorrow, won't they?

(ইন্টারনেট হতে সংগ্রহীত)