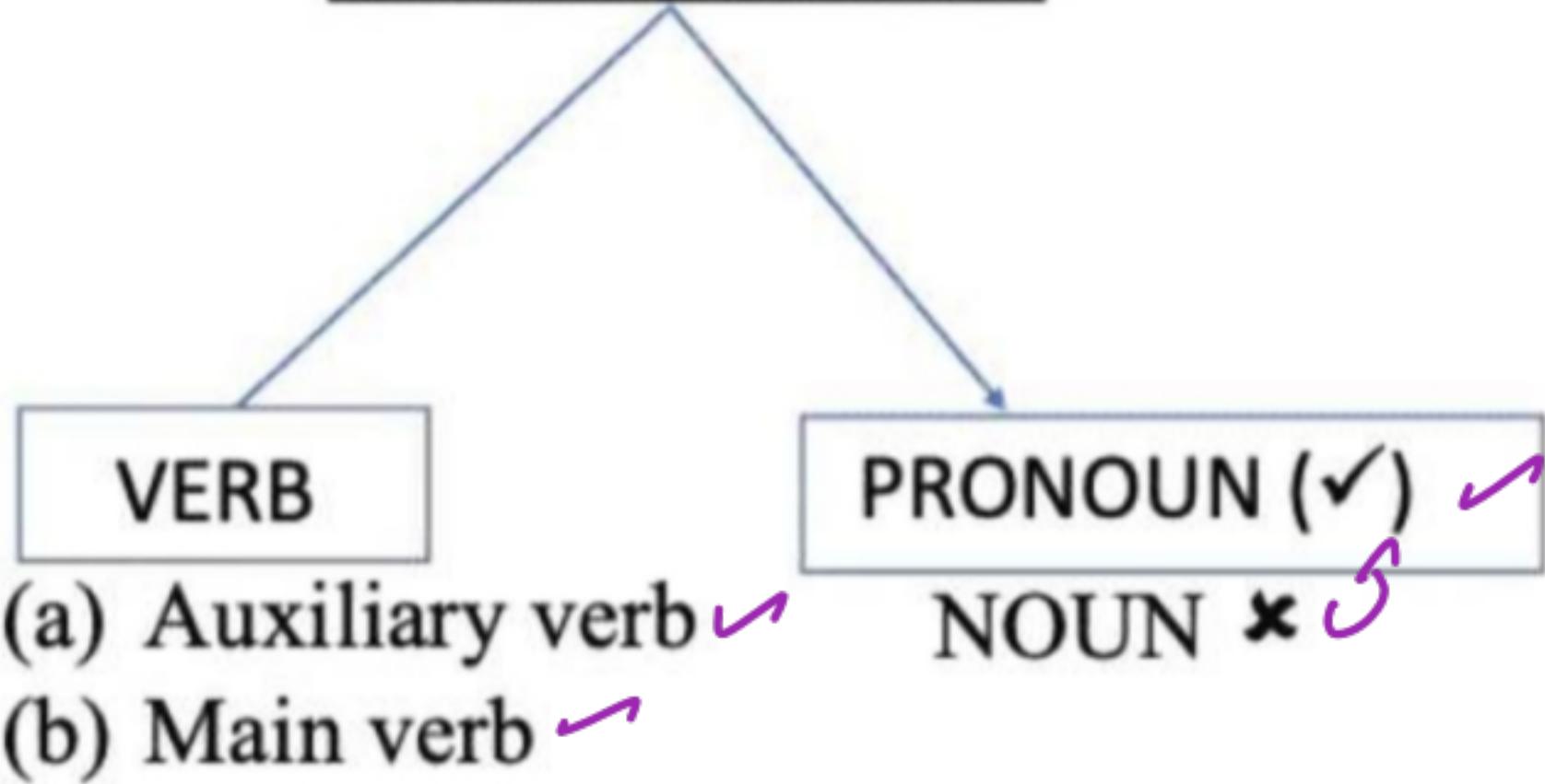


They are used for confirmation/surety/certainty.



QUESTION TAG ↗



BASIC RULE→

- (i) If sentence is positive, tag is negative
- (ii) If sentence is negative, tag is positive

were not

Ex:

- A.V m.V
- (a) The students were working on the project, weren't they?
 - (b) They did not come on time, did they?
- A.V m.V

NOTE:

If there is no auxiliary verb, the tag is made by using DO/DOES/DID

Ex:

- m.V
- (a) Children like to eat sweets, don't they?
 - (b) The earth revolves around the sun, doesn't it?
 - (c) The student did the work, didn't he?
 - (d) Barking dogs seldom bite, do they?

Do - plural (Present)

Does - singular (..)

Did - Past

it → they

Some contracted forms:-

Do + not = don't

Does + not = doesn't

Did + not = didn't

Am I not = Aren't I ... ? ↗ Amn't

Is + not = isn't

Are + not = aren't

Have + not = haven't

Has + not = hasn't

Had + not = hadn't

Was + not = wasn't

Were + not = weren't

✓ Shall + not = shan't

✓ Will + not = won't

Can + not = can't

May + not = mayn't

Might + not = mightn't

Could + not = couldn't

Would + not = wouldn't

Should + not = shouldn't

Ought + not = oughtn't

Must + not = mustn't

Need + not = needn't

Dare + not = daren't

Used + not = usedn't

↗ didn't ↗

A little . A few +ve
The little. The few +ve

NOTE:

There are certain words which are negative.

-ve -ve

Ex: hardly, scarcely, barely, rarely, neither, seldom, little, few, none, nothing, nobody

(a) He takes little effort, does he?

not . no

(b) A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, isn't it?

(c) The little milk left in the bottle turned sour, didn't it?

(d) It rarely rains here, does it?

(e) Few people will come, will they?

(f) A few students got the award, didn't they?

+ve

~v~

Q·Tag

Is/am/are/was/were

m.v
A.V

am/I is/are/was/were
" " "

Do/does/did

m.v
A.V

do/does/did
" " "

Have/has/had

m.v
A.V

do/does/did
have/has/had
.

do J did
 ↓ ↓
 do es did

He is busy, isn't he?

He is writing, isn't he?

I am busy, aren't I?

I am not busy, am I? 

He hardly works, does he?

It rarely rains, does it?

He scarcely comes on time, does he?

They often helps me, don't they?

Question tags with HAVE/HAS/HAD

m.v



- 1) The woman has a beautiful car, doesn't she?
- 2) You have to phone a taxi, don't you?
- 3) She had her bedroom redone, didn't she?
- 4) The girl has done the work, hasn't she?
- 5) You haven't got any money, have you?
- 6) The man had sold the house, hadn't he?
- 7) Anu is having her hair cut, isn't she?
- 8) She never had her name revealed, did she?

There are certain nouns which are singular as well as plural.

Ex:

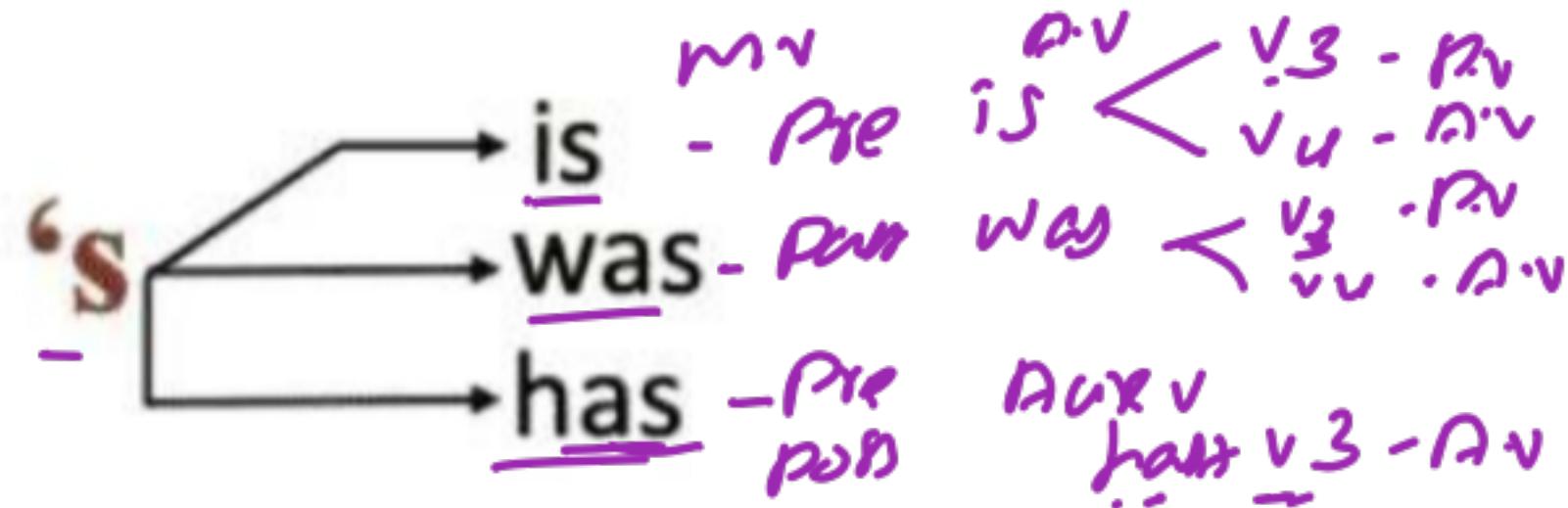
Team, jury, audience, panel, board, committee, council, mob, government, parliament.

Ex

- 1) The team won the match, didn't it?
- 2) The team tried the uniforms, didn't they?
- 3) The mob killed the magistrate, didn't it?
- 4) The jury gave a unanimous opinion, didn't it?
- 5) The jury gave a divided opinion, didn't they?

Singular - don't
Plural - don't They

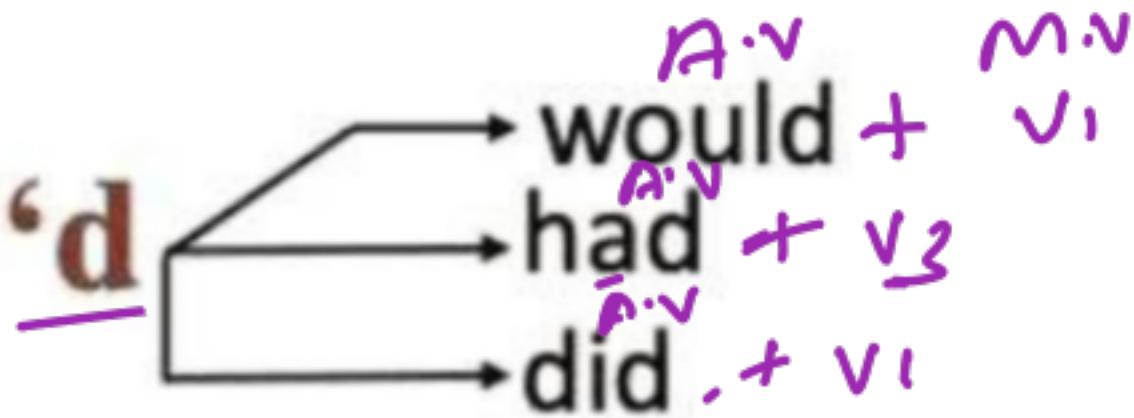
A.V M.V
had got



Ex:

had _{V₂}

- (i) He's got a beautiful house, hasn't he?
- (ii) It's ^{A.V} is raining heavily today, isn't it?
- (iii) He's ^{A.V} was busy in his work yesterday, wasn't he?



Ex: *did*

- 1) I'd not attend the party yesterday, did I?
- 2) I'd like to have tea rather than coffee, wouldn't I?
- 3) He'd completed the work on time, had he?
V3

verb

LET'S

(Let + us) → It takes the tag **shall we?**

Ex:

- 1) Let's help her to complete the work, **shall we?**
- 2) Let's not disturb them, **shall we?**
- 3) Let's play together, **shall we?**

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- (1) If the sentence starts with THIS/THAT, the pronoun used in the tag is “IT” ✓
~~isn't it~~
- (2) If the sentence starts with THESE/THOSE the pronoun used in the tag is “THEY” ✓
- (3) If the sentence starts with THERE, the pronoun used is “THERE”

Ex:

- (i) These are good examples, aren't they?
- (ii) These books are not mine, are they?
- (iii) There is beauty in it, isn't there?
- (iv) This is mine, isn't it?
- (v) That was a good book, wasn't it?

Note:

- (i) I^S think, he^S is^V right, isn't he?
(ii) As far as Iknow, theyare the best, aren't they?
(iii) Ihope, hedoes the work on time, doesn't he?
(iv) I know, Indiawill win the match, won't it?

Note:-

One (one in number)

One (everybody)

- one ^{Pron} / one boy - ^{Adj} ^{he/she}
- one - one

Ex:

- 1) One ^{Pr} should do one's duties, shouldn't one?
- 2) One ^{Pr} must respect one's elders, mustn't one?
- 3) One of the students was absent, wasn't he?
- 4) One ^{Adj} girl did the work, didn't she?

Need. - Main verb

Need not -. Modal verb

Used --. Main verb

Used to. --. Modal verb

Dare --. Main verb

Dare not ✓ --. Modal verb

Note:

A·V

- (i) He dare not go there, dare he?
- (ii) He dares to go there, doesn't he?
- (iii) He needs a book, doesn't he?
- (iv) I need not ask him, need I?
A·V M·V
- (v) She dared to abuse him, didn't she?
M·V
- (vi) You used to smoke, didn't you?
- (vii) She used not to go there, did she?

- ve
a) Everybody/Everyone/Somebody/Someone/Nobody/Anybody → The pronoun used in the tag is **PLURAL.**

b) Everything/Something/Nothing/Anything → The pronoun used in the tag is **SINGULAR.**

Ex:

1) Somebody stole the pen, didn't they?

2) Nobody was present, were they?

3) Everything is clear to you, isn't it?

4) Something is to be done, isn't it?

5) Nothing was available, was it?

- 1) All of you can be beaten, can't you?
- 2) All of the them had gone there, hadn't they?
- 3) All of us can do this, can't we?
- 4) Most of us have read the book, haven't we?
- 5) Neither of you has done this, have you?
- 6) Either of you is guilty, aren't you?
- 7) Some of us must do that, mustn't we?
Any of
none of

In imperative sentences (order, request, advice, suggestion), the tag is used is **WILL YOU/WON'T YOU / WOULD YOU**

Note:

- 1) Negative request/command → WILL YOU?
- 2) Positive request/command → WILL YOU?/WON'T YOU?
- 3) Request → WOULD YOU?

Ex:

- five*
- 1) Open the window, will you/won't you?
 - 2) Don't open the window, will you?
 - 3) Have some more tea, would you?

Imperative sentences (irritation) the tag used is can you?/can't you?

Get out of the place, can't you?/can you?