

# QUESTIONS TAGS

## Class 16

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# Objectives

- will learn to ascertain certain facts while conversing
- will learn how to clear doubts
- will learn the skills to frame short questions
- By practice mannerism will develop automatically

# Introduction

- A short question added to the end of a positive or negative statement
- Mainly used for: verifying information which we think is true
- Checking information which we are not sure about
- Making a strong point or conveying sarcasm
- Mostly used in spoken English

# Rules and Examples

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1.	A positive statement is followed by a negative tag.	She writes well, <u>doesn't she?</u>
2.	A negative statement is followed by a positive tag.	He isn't going to England, is he?
3.	The statement and the tagged question are always separated by a comma.	The movie was interesting, wasn't it?
4.	The verb in the statement and the verb in the question tag must be in he?	Arvind had been to Singapore, hadn't he?

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5.	When the statement does not carry an auxiliary verb before the main verb, the question tag carries ‘do.’	She writes well, <u>doesn’t she?</u>
6.	Statements with words like ‘nobody’, ‘nothing’ et cetera are treated as negative statements.	Nobody admitted to the theft, did they?
7	The modals and the auxiliaries used in the statements and the tags must be consistent	You wouldn’t report me, would you?

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8.	If the statement begins with ‘let’, ‘shall we’ is used as the question tag.	Let’s discuss the annual report, shall we?
9.	When ‘don’t’ is used in the statement, the question tag uses ‘will you.’	Don’t forget to lock the door before you leave, will you?
10.	If I’m is used in the statement, the tag would be ‘aren’t I?’	I am late, Aren’t I?

# Complete the statement using suitable question tag:

1. Rashid plays football very well, \_\_\_\_\_
2. You were very busy yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_
3. The book was extremely interesting, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Arun wasn't planning to fly down to Bhopal, \_\_\_\_\_
5. This talk isn't very interesting, \_\_\_\_\_
6. Don't forget to deliver the message to the Head of the Department, \_\_\_\_\_
7. I'm little confused about this equation, \_\_\_\_\_
8. Nobody from this group volunteered for the Clean Environment initiative, \_\_\_\_\_
9. Let's go for the talk on Li-Fi, \_\_\_\_\_
10. It's difficult to complete this assignment in two days, \_\_\_\_\_

# More Exercises

- 1. I came late to the party,
- 2. Jeevan was thrilled with his grades,
- 3. Mom wants a cup of coffee,
- 4. She never gets any gift from students,
- 5. That was a terrible mistake,
- 6. Some countries refused to cooperate with these rules,
- 7. A strong policy has reduced the number of cases ,
- 8. Match the boxes with similar specifications,

## Points to be noted

- Mostly there should only **3 words** in affirmative and **2** in negative tags.
- Only **auxiliary verbs** should be used, derive suitable one from the main verb.
- Mostly **pronouns( I, we, you, he, she, it, they,)** will be used.
- A **comma** should follow the end of the statement and **question mark** to complete the question tag.
- Should **not change the tense**, or **modal verb**.
- Appropriate **pronoun** should be derived from the subject.

# Thank You