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## QUESTION TAG

### CHAPTER

Ram works hard, **doesn't he?**

He is not coming, **is he?**

➤ किसी भी वाक्य के बाद आने वाला एक छोटा सवाल, 'Question tag' कहलाता है।

### QUESTION TAG *ˌkʌkwʌz dʌs fuːe*

1. वाक्य एवं **Question tag** एक ही **tense** में होने चाहिए।
2. अगर 'वाक्य' **positive** हो तो '**Question tag**' **negative** होना चाहिए और अगर 'वाक्य' **negative** हो तो '**Question tag**' **positive** होना चाहिए।
3. **Question tag** में हमेशा **Pronoun** का प्रयोग करें।
4. **Negative question tag** में **helping verb** एवं **not** के **contracted form** का प्रयोग करें।

जैसे: **didn't, hadn't, won't** इत्यादि।

नोट:

1. सामान्यतः '**am not**' का **contracted form** नहीं होता है। लेकिन **Question tag** में '**aren't**' का प्रयोग होता है।

जैसे: I am fine, aren't I?

2. **Everyone, everybody, no one, none, each, every** इत्यादि **form** से **singular** है। इनके साथ **singular verb, singular pronoun** इत्यादि का प्रयोग होता है। लेकिन **Question tag** में ये बहुवचन के रूप में प्रयोग किये जाते हैं।

जैसे: Everyone has come, **hasn't he?** (×)

Everyone has come, **haven't they?** (✓)

None of your friends likes her, **do they?** (✓)

Everybody can speak English, **can't they?** (✓)

3. **Collective noun** का प्रयोग **singular form** में होता है। इनके **Question Tag** में **singular verb** एवं **singular pronoun** का प्रयोग करें।

जैसे: The jury has taken its decision, **hasn't it?**  
S.V. S.P.

4. लेकिन अगर **collective noun** में मतभेद हो या हम प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की बात करें, तब **plural verb** एवं **plural pronoun** प्रयुक्त होंगे।

जैसे: The committee are divided in their opinion, **aren't they?**  
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The audience have taken their seats, **haven't they?**  
P.V. P.P.

5. कुछ शब्द जैसे **hardly, seldom, scarcely** इत्यादि अर्थ से नकारात्मक होते हैं हालांकि इनमें '**not**' स्पष्ट रूप से नहीं दिखता। इनके **Question tag positive** होंगे।

जैसे: 1. He **hardly** does any work, **does he?**  
 2. He has **barely** anything to eat, **has he?**  
 3. He is **seldom** absent, **is he?**

6. अगर sentence की शुरुआत '**Let us**/'**Let's**' से किया जाए तो **Question tag** '**shall we**' होगा।

जैसे: Let us go to party tonight, **shall we ?**

7. (a) आदेश/निवेदन वाले वाक्यों (**Imperative sentences**) में आग्रह के लिए **Question Tag** में '**won't you?**' का प्रयोग होता है।

जैसे: Come in, **won't you?**

(b) किसी व्यक्ति से कोई कार्य करने को कहने के लिए या कुछ **offer** करते समय भी '**will you/ would you?**' का प्रयोग होता है।

जैसे: 1. Open the door, **would you?**  
 2. Have some more tea, **would you?**

(c) '**Can't you?**' बेसब्र अवस्था (**impatience**) को दर्शाता है।

जैसे: Shut your mouth, **can't you?**

(d) **Negative imperative** वाक्यों में '**will you?**' का प्रयोग '**Question tag**' के रूप में होता है।

जैसे: Don't worry, **will you?**

8. अगर वाक्य में '**there**' subject के रूप में प्रयुक्त हो तो '**there**' के बाद आने वाला **verb** एवं '**there**' **question tag** के रूप में प्रयुक्त होंगे।

जैसे: There is no water, **is there?**

There weren't good schools, **were there?**

9. **Question Tag** हमेशा वाक्य के मुख्य भाग के अनुसार प्रयुक्त होना चाहिए।

जैसे: I think, he is right, **isn't he?**

**PROVIDE SUITABLE QUESTION TAG FOR THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES*****Find the meaning of the difficult words and learn them by heart***

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| 1. I am happy,  | 20. We hadn't got any remuneration,             |
| 2. I don't write letter,                                | 21. Polygamy has been banned in many countries, |
| 3. I didn't go to college yesterday,                    | 22. Charles Shobraj was an imposter,            |
| 4. It is very cold,                                     | 23. Hindus practise idolatry,                   |
| 5. You haven't eaten anything,                          | 24. My nephew is an ambidextrous,               |
| 6. She doesn't drive carelessly,                        | 25. He is a pessimist,                          |
| 7. I have called him up,                                | 26. Everyone has come late today,               |
| 8. The boys are quite boisterous,                       | 27. The mob has lynched the thief,              |
| 9. My friend Ram is an egoist,                          | 28. The audience have taken their seats,        |
| 10. God is Omnipotent, omnipresent and Omniscient,      | 29. Have some more tea,                         |
| 11. The mob killed the District Magistrate,             | 30. Wait for me,                                |
| 12. Bhim was a glutton,                                 | 31. Let's go out for a walk,                    |
| 13. We see somnambulists in movies very often,          | 32. He has barely anything to wear,             |
| 14. Bhagat Singh was a martyr,                          | 33. Somebody entered the room,                  |
| 15. We see conjurors in circus,                         | 34. I think, you are right,                     |
| 16. Asthma is not a contagious disease,                 | 35. I feel, he is hungry,                       |
| 17. We used to see epidemic in villages earlier,        | 36. There are many boys in this school,         |
| 18. Sanjivini was considered to be a panacea,           | 37. Nobody bothers,                             |
| 19. We find too many monologues in Shakespeare's plays, | 38. It hardly rains here,                       |
|   | 39. The jury was unanimous in its decision.     |
|   | 40. I am tired,                                 |

**Answers**

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. aren't I?    | 11. didn't it  | 21. hasn't it?         | 31. Shall we?     |
| 2. do I?        | 12. wasn't he? | 22. wasn't he?         | 32. Has he?       |
| 3. did I?       | 13. don't we?  | 23. don't they?        | 33. didn't they?  |
| 4. isn't it?    | 14. wasn't he. | 24. isn't he?          | 34. aren't you?   |
| 5. have you?    | 15. don't we?  | 25. Isn't he?          | 35. Isn't he?     |
| 6. does she ?   | 16. is it?     | 26. haven't they?      | 36. aren't there? |
| 7. haven't I?   | 17. didn't we? | 27. hasn't it?         | 37. do they?      |
| 8. aren't they? | 18. wasn't it? | 28. haven't they?      | 38. does it?      |
| 9. isn't he?    | 19. don't we?  | 29. will /would you?   | 39. wasn't it?    |
| 10. isn't he?   | 20. had we?    | 30. will you?/can you? | 40. aren't I?     |