Grammar 1 Question tags, pronouns

1 Read about questions tags and pronouns.

Question tags

Questions tags are short questions at the end of a sentence. We use them when we want someone to agree with us or to make sure that something is true.

*They **tried** to help the poor, **didn't they**?*
*You **didn't** give it to charity, **did** you?*
*I'**m able to** help, **aren't** I?*
*You enjoy working at the youth hostel, **don't you**?*

Reflexive pronouns

We use reflexive pronouns:

- when the subject and the object of the sentence are the same.
  ***She** taught **herself** to read.*
- with some verbs.
  *Did the children **behave themselves** on the coastguard boat?*
- to emphasise that somebody does something alone, without another person's help. We often use the word *by*.
  *Hannah founded the foundation **herself**.*
  *Ben started the food programme **by himself**.*

Indefinite pronouns

An indefinite pronoun refers to one or more unspecified people, things or places.

***Someone** stole some blankets from the youth hostel.*
*Did **anything** exciting happen at school today?*
***Everywhere** was very quiet.*
***Nobody** could answer my question.*

We use:

- *another* for an additional person, thing or place.
  *I've already asked one question. Could I ask **another**?*
- *less* for a smaller amount, *little* for a small amount, *more* for a larger amount and *much* for a large amount.
  *You did **less** than anyone else.*
  ***Much** has been done to improve the nursing home.*
- *some* for an unspecified number or amount.
  *Here is the medicine; take **some** after lunch.*
- *such* for a type that has already been mentioned.
  *She was poor and people treated her as **such**.*
- *whoever, whatever, whichever* and *wherever* for unspecified people, things or places.
  ***Whoever** wants to join the cause, sign here.*
  *We'll take you **wherever** you need to go.*

2 Read the sentences. Which one contains a reflexive pronoun? Which contains an indefinite pronoun?

1 Whatever you decide to do, I'll support you.
2 He will never get a job by himself.

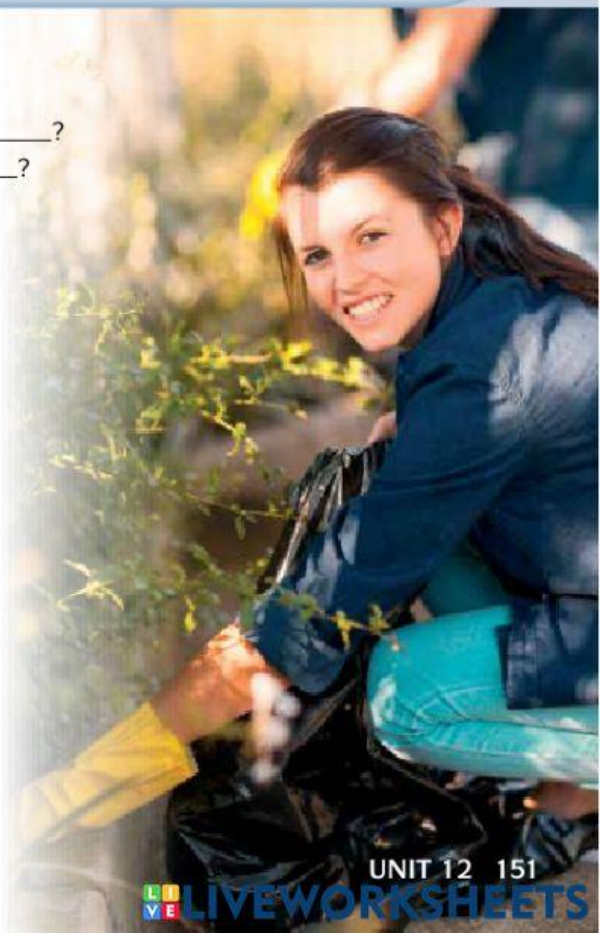
Read 12.1-12.3 of the Grammar Reference before you do the task.

3 Complete the sentences with question tags.

1 Dad feels good about working for WWF, _____?
2 Don't forget to visit Grandma at the nursing home, _____?
3 The charity fund-raiser won't be held tomorrow, _____?
4 Let's help out at the shelter tonight, _____?
5 You've stayed at the youth hostel before, _____?
6 I'm being a bully, _____?
7 Everyone donated to UNICEF, _____?
8 Those boys were adopted, _____?
9 Julia didn't raise the most money, _____?
10 This is good news, _____?

4 Circle the correct pronouns to complete the sentences.

1 The teenager set up the charity by itself / himself.
2 Can anyone / nothing tell me what's happened?
3 I know you had a bad day; less / such is life.
4 You can call whoever / whenever you want to talk to someone.
5 We managed to sell all these tickets ourselves / themselves.
6 I'm bored. Let's go nowhere / somewhere.
7 That was a great sandwich. Could I have much / another?
8 You mustn't blame myself / yourself for the world's problems.



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