

# Grammar

## Question tags

Asking questions to check information

### 1 Look at the chart.

| Question tags with <i>be</i>                              |                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Affirmative statement + negative tag                      | Negative statement + affirmative tag                             |
| It's about my fears, <b>isn't</b> it?                     | It <b>isn't</b> predicting the future, <b>is</b> it?             |
| My friends <b>are</b> laughing at me, <b>aren't</b> they? | There <b>weren't</b> any snakes in the dream, <b>were</b> there? |

### Take note!

I'm late, **aren't** I?

### 2 Match the sentences with the correct question tag.

- This dream isn't about my family, **b**
  - Flying is common in dreams, \_\_\_\_
  - Our dreams are like secret messages, \_\_\_\_
  - You weren't dreaming, \_\_\_\_
  - We're going to write about our dreams, \_\_\_\_
  - I'm going to have nightmares, \_\_\_\_
- a aren't they?  
b is it?  
c aren't I?  
d isn't it?  
e aren't we?  
f were you?

### 3 Look at the chart.

| Question tags with <i>do</i>                                     |                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Affirmative statement + negative tag                             | Negative statement + affirmative tag               |
| You <b>sleepwalk</b> , <b>don't</b> you?                         | We <b>didn't</b> eat anything, <b>did</b> we?      |
| Most people <b>have</b> nightmares sometimes, <b>don't</b> they? | We <b>don't have</b> anywhere to go, <b>do</b> we? |

### 4 Complete the sentences with question tags with *do* in the affirmative or negative.

- Most of us forget a lot of our dreams, **don't we**?
- Inventors sometimes get ideas from surprising places, \_\_\_\_?
- You didn't understand the dream, \_\_\_\_?
- A nightmare doesn't predict the future, \_\_\_\_?
- It takes imagination to write a good song, \_\_\_\_?
- We didn't have time for lunch, \_\_\_\_?

### 5 Write the correct question tags. Use *be* or *do* in the affirmative or negative.

- Yesterday is a song by Paul McCartney, **isn't it**?  
Yes, it is.
- Sleep walking isn't unusual for children, \_\_\_\_?  
No, it isn't.
- Sewing machines weren't very popular when you were a child, \_\_\_\_?  
Yes, they were. My mom had one.
- Coffee doesn't keep you awake at night, \_\_\_\_?  
It can. Drinking coffee in the evening can keep you awake.
- The students didn't yawn during your class, \_\_\_\_?  
No, they didn't.