1 1.6 **Look at the photo. Listen to three conversations at a party. Which do you think is the best question they use to keep a conversation going?**

2 **Think of three more questions you could ask to get to know someone better.**

Question tags and echo questions

3 **Look at the underlined examples of question tags from the dialogues. Then complete the sentences 1–4 below with the words in the box.**

negative end positive modal

It's such a great city, isn't it?
Wow, so you'd never been there before, had you?
I shouldn't be so fussy, should I?

1 A **question tag** is a short question added to the end_____ of a sentence.
2 We form a question tag using an auxiliary or a _____ verb and a pronoun.
3 A positive statement usually has a _netive_ question tag.
4 A negative statement usually has a _____ question tag.

4 1.7 PRONUNCIATION **Listen and match what you hear with intonation pattern A or B below. Which pattern is used for a real question and which for confirming something the speaker already knows?**

A  B 

5 1.8 **Look at these more unusual question tags. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Listen and check.**

1 This is silly, isn't *it* / *this*?
2 Nothing ever changes, *do* / *does* it?
3 Come and look at this, *will* / *don't* you?
4 Everyone was there, *weren't* / *wasn't* they?
5 Don't be late, *are* / *will* you?
6 No one likes him, *do* / *does* they?
7 Let's stay here, *do* / *shall* we?
8 I'm a bit late, *don't* / *aren't* I?
9 Pick me up at eight, *don't* / *could* you?

6 **In pairs, look at the echo question *in italics*. Then answer questions 1–3 below.**

Cameron Actually, it's my birthday tomorrow.
Emma *Is it?* Do you have anything special planned?

1 What is the function of an echo question?
2 Do we use a positive or a negative question to reply to a positive statement?
3 Which intonation pattern from Exercise 4 do we use with an echo question: A or B?

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7 1.9 **Complete the conversations with no more than three words in each gap. Listen and check your answers.**

Ben Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world?
Meg [1]_____ a good question, isn't it? I don't think I've ever really thought about it before. Hmm ... Somewhere a bit warmer, I guess.
Ben Yes, [2]_____ too much rain in this country, isn't there?
Meg Oh yes, there is. But I wouldn't want to live somewhere *too* hot. I mean, in some countries it can be 45 degrees in the summer. That would be unbearable, [3]_____?
Ben Actually, I used to live in Dubai.
Meg [4]_____ you? I bet [5]_____ really hot, wasn't it?
Ben Boiling! But we had air conditioning, and a pool.
Meg That sounds great. I wouldn't mind living somewhere like that, actually.

Ira Move up, [6]_____? I really need to sit down!
Kate Have you been dancing?
Ira Yes, I love the music they're playing. [7]_____?
Kate It's not really my thing, actually. I find it a bit boring.
Ira [8]_____? But everyone loves this band, [9]_____?
Kate Not me.
Ira You have no taste in music then.
Kate Erm, seriously?
Ira Oh, sorry, I'm being a bit annoying, [10]_____? Let's stop talking about music then, [11]_____?
Kate Yes, I think that might be best!

8 SPEAKING **In pairs, write and role play a conversation. Go to page 196.**



☐ I can use question tags and echo questions to keep a conversation going.

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