

TAG QUESTIONS - SHORT QUESTIONS

Tag questions:

We use questions task at the end of a sentence to ask for confirmation. Question tags are formed with the auxiliary or modal verb from the statement and the subject.

A **positive** statement is followed by a **negative** question tag.

- Jack **is** from Spain, **isn't** he?
- Mary **can** speak English, **can't** she?

A **negative** statement is followed by a **positive** question tag.

- They **aren't** funny, **are** they?
- He **can't** say things like that, **can** he?

Verb Tense	+ Sentence = - tag	- Sentence = + tag
Present be	She is American, isn't she?	They aren't friend, are they?
Present simple	You study English, don't you?	He doesn't play soccer, does he?
Past simple	They went to Peru, didn't they?	She didn't go to Peru, did she?
Present perfect	He has been in Italy, hasn't he?	You haven't been in Italy, have you?
Future will	He will read a book, won't he?	They won't read a book, will they?
Modals	She can play the piano, can't she?	We can't play the piano, can we?

Fill in the gaps with the correct tag question.

1. Maria is a soccer player, _____?
2. Carlos and Pedro won't dance cumbia, _____?
3. You made pasta for dinner, _____?
4. He has lived in Mexico for three years, _____?
5. Your brother didn't pass the exam, _____?
6. Dogs can't eat chocolate, _____?
7. They didn't go to New York, _____?
8. My grandparents aren't sick, _____?
9. Pamela will write a book, _____?
10. You haven't swum in the lake, _____?

SHORT QUESTIONS.

We use **short questions** to show that we are interested or surprised in a conversation.

A **positive** statement is followed by a **positive question**.

- A. Carmen **is** a doctor.
- B. **Is** she?

A **negative** statement is followed by a **negative question**.

- A. They **didn't** go to the party.
- B. **Didn't** they?

Verb tense	+ statement = + question	- statement = - questions
Present to Be	A: She is a police officer. B: is she?	A: They aren't happy. B: are they?
Present simple	A: He likes apples. B: Does he?	A: Mario doesn't like apples. B: Doesn't he?
Past simple	A: I made cookies. B: did you?	A: I didn't make cookies. B: didn't you?
Present perfect	A: They have played. B: Have they?	A: They haven't played. B: Haven't they?
Future will	A: He will dance. B: Will he?	A: He won't dance. B: Won't he?
Modals	A: I can drive. B: Can you?	A: I can't drive. B: Can't you?

Complete the conversation with the correct short question.

1. A: My friend won't travel with us.
B: _____?
2. A: Cristina and Mario are in Barcelona.
B: _____?
3. A: They have driven for two hours.
B: _____?
4. A: My cousin takes math lessons.
B: _____?
5. A: John isn't a doctor.
B: _____?
6. A: He didn't catch the ball.
B: _____?

7. **A:** Cats can't fly.
B: _____?
8. **A:** I will learn French.
B: _____?
9. **A:** They don't have math class.
B: _____?
10. **A:** She hasn't made dinner yet.
B: _____?