



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?

- Whatever you decide to do, I'll support you.
- 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.

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

4 Circle the correct pronouns to complete the sentences.

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

