

QUESTION TAGS

Question tags- are short questions at the end of the statements.

e.g. *David studies German, **doesn't he?***

*Christine can't speak German, **can she?***



FORM

Question tags: *auxiliary or modal verb (from the main sentence) + subject pronoun*



it refers to the subject of the main sentence

- When the verb of the sentence is in the present simple, we form the question tag with **do/ does**.

e.g. *Your parents work very hard, **don't they?***

- When the verb of the sentence is in the past simple, we form the question tag with **did**.

e.g. *They won the match, **didn't they?***

- When the sentence is affirmative, the question tag is negative.

e.g. *You have read this book, **haven't you?***



affirmative verb



negative question tag

- When the sentence is negative, the question tag is positive.

e.g. *You didn't call me yesterday, **did you?***



negative verb



affirmative question tag

Some verbs/ expressions form question tags differently.

Examples:

I am – aren't I?	e.g. I am tall, <i>aren't I?</i>
Imperative- will/ won't you?	e.g. Write your homework, <i>will/ won't you?</i>
Don't – will you?	e.g. Don't run, <i>will you?</i>
Let's – shall we?	e.g. Let's go out, <i>shall we?</i>
I have got- haven't I?	e.g. He has got a new car, <i>hasn't he?</i>
(= possess)	
I have – don't I?	e.g. You have breakfast every day, <i>don't you?</i>
There is/ are- isn't/ aren't there?	e.g. There is a book on the table, <i>isn't there?</i>
This/ That- isn't it?	e.g. This is Peter's car, <i>isn't it?</i>

Practice

Fill in the correct question tags.

1. She plays the piano, _____ ?
2. You don't like dark chocolate, _____ ?
3. Tim went shopping yesterday, _____ ?
4. That meal was delicious, _____ ?
5. I am a student, _____ ?
6. Mum drives to work, _____ ?
7. Don't shout, _____ ?
8. You can speak English fluently, _____ ?
9. You aren't reading, _____ ?
10. Josh didn't buy that house, _____ ?
11. Let's go to the cinema, _____ ?
12. Listen to me, _____ ?