

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? (= possess)	e.g. He has got a new car, <i>hasn't he?</i>
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, _____ ?