

## LISTENING PRACTICE

**Listen to the programme "Grammar challenge" and complete.**

Welcome to Grammar challenge from BBClearningEnglish.com. Let's meet this week's challenger.

~ My name is Juliana, I'm from Colombia, I live in Colombia. I'm studying English in English Studio. I think that I need to improve my grammar in English.

**William:** Hello, my name's William

**Juliana:** Hello

**W:** We're going to listen to a conversation er... between Mark and Helena

**J:** Yeah

**W:** Okay? And they're talking about \_\_\_\_\_. Tell me, after you've heard the clip, how did I finish most of their sentences? Okay?

**J:** Okay.

**Mark:** Elena, \_\_\_\_\_

**E:** I love them, but we haven't got any, \_\_\_\_\_?

**M:** Don't worry. I'm going to the shops now. \_\_\_\_\_

**E:** 'til ten o'clock, I think.

**Juliana:** They finish "\_\_\_\_\_"

**William:** That's right. I certainly heard "\_\_\_\_\_ " and I think I heard a few more questions too. But let's find out how you did now and also find out a little bit more about this week's grammar by going over to our grammar expert Catherine.

**Catherine:** Hi Juliana! Mark and Elena asked \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of most of their sentences. These questions are called \_\_\_\_\_. We use them either to \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_ we already have or just to \_\_\_\_\_. Question tags have two parts, a helping verb or auxiliary verb like \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. Let's look at the helping verb first. Usually for \_\_\_\_\_ you need to use \_\_\_\_\_ helping verb in the question tag. Listen to Elena.

**Elena:** We haven't got any carrots, \_\_\_\_\_?

**Catherine:** The sentence "We haven't got any carrots" is \_\_\_\_\_ so the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ "\_\_\_\_\_. Listen again. (we haven't got any

carrots, \_\_\_\_\_) Now, \_\_\_\_\_.

Here's Mark.

**Mark:** The shops are open late tonight, \_\_\_\_\_

**Catherine:** The sentence "The shops are open late tonight" is positive so the helping verb "aren't" in the question is negative. Listen again (The shops are open late tonight, \_\_\_\_\_)

Now, sometimes there isn't a helping verb in positive sentences.

\_\_\_\_\_, we use the correct form of the verb \_\_\_\_\_ to make the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark:** Elena, you like carrots, \_\_\_\_\_

**Catherine:** And as for the second part of the question tag, the pronoun, you use the pronoun that corresponds to the subject of the sentence. For example, "you like carrots, \_\_\_\_\_" or "the shops are open late tonight, \_\_\_\_\_. Okay, that's all from me. \_\_\_\_\_ with your grammar challenge.

**William:** Now, Catherine makes that sound very easy, \_\_\_\_\_

**Juliana:** Its, it's easy when, when she is explaining.

**W:** I think that you \_\_\_\_\_ it well enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the grammar challenge.

**J:** yeah

**W:** Okay. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ you a sentence and I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ the sentence and then \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to the end of it.

**J:** aha!

**W:** Okay. And if you're listening at home, don't \_\_\_\_\_ that you can join in with the grammar challenge too. Juliana, if I say the sentence, those people don't look very happy. How would you put a \_\_\_\_\_ onto the end of that? It would be...

**J:** Those people don't look very happy, don't, do you? Does, does him? Does you? No.

**W:** What was the subject to that sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

**J:** \_\_\_\_\_... Ah!

**W:** Answer it

**J:** Those people don't look very happy, \_\_\_\_\_

**W:** Okay, those people don't look very happy, \_\_\_\_\_ You like ice cream...

**J:** You like ice cream, you don't... You don't. Ay!!! \_\_\_\_\_

**W:** Okay, try again. You like spaghetti...

J: You like spaghetti, \_\_\_\_\_

W: \_\_\_\_\_! You like spaghetti, \_\_\_\_\_ You've never been to America...

J: You've never been to America, \_\_\_\_\_

W: \_\_\_\_\_! You've never been to America, \_\_\_\_\_

W: Okay Juliana. Just before we finish. I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ me some questions about me using \_\_\_\_\_.

J: yeah

W: okay. Go!

J: er... \_\_\_\_\_

W: Yes, I do. I \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_

J: \_\_\_\_\_

W: Yes, it is. \_\_\_\_\_. Well, one more.

J: er... \_\_\_\_\_

W: No, I'm not. I'm afraid. I'm a little bit \_\_\_\_\_ but not too far of that. And that's all we've got time for this week. Goodbye!

J: Goodbye!

**Listen to the Grammar challenge and complete the sentences.**

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