2 BAT	TAG QUESTIONS

A **tag question** is a statement followed by a mini-question. We use tag questions to ask for confirmation. They mean something like: "Is that right?" or "Do you agree?", and they are very common in English.

Basic structure: Positive statement, negative tag ⟶ It **is** really cold here, **isn't** it?

Negative statement, positive tag ⟶

He **is never** pleased, **is** he?

TAG QUESTIONS

1. Verbs **to be, auxiliaries** and **modal verbs**

You **are** coming later, [_____] you?

He **will** help us, [_____] he?

We **must** come, [_____] we?

They **aren't** very nice, [_____] they?

We **can't** leave things like this, [_____] we?

He **should** try harder, [_____] he?

You **have** finished, [_____] you?

ARE		WON'T
	MUSTN'T	
		AREN'T
CAN		
		SHOULDN'T
	HAVEN'T	
WILL		

2. Other verbs.

4.1. Present simple

He **likes** coffee, **doesn't** he?

You **don't** like it here, [_____] you?

4.2. Past Simple

He **left** earlier, [_____] he?

He **never understood**, [_____] he?

3. Negative words: no, not, never, rarely, hardly, barely, scarcely, nothing, no-one, nobody, …

I **barely know** you, [_____] I?

She **can rarely** come these days, [_____] she?

4. In question tags referring to nothing and everything, we use IT

Everything is ok, [_____] ?

Nothing can happen to them, [_____] ?

5. In question tags referring to nobody, somebody, everybody,… we use THEY

Nobody came, [_____] ?

Somebody will want a drink, [_____] ?

6. Imperative cases

Come with me, [_____] you? (polite invitation)

Help me, [_____] you? (friendly, informal. May sound rude)

Close the door, [_____] you? (very formal)

Negative imperative: Don't run in the corridor, [_____] you?

7. Have

9.1. Have = possess

GB → You **have (got)** a new guitar, [_____] you?

USA → You **have** a new guitar, [_____] you?

⚠️ Past Simple → You **had** problems, _____ you?

9.2. Have to

They **have to** work late, [_____] they?

9.3. Have (auxiliary)

It **has** been great, [_____] it?

9.4. Collocations: have breakfast, have a good time, have a laugh, have a conversation,….

British people **have lunch** at 1, [_____] they?

8. Special cases

I **am** right, [_____] I?

Let's go, [_____] we?