10 Questions – Question Words – Question Tags

Question Tags

- **Question tags are short questions put at the end of a statement. We use them, not to ask for information but for confirmation of or agreement to our statement.**
  He can drive, **can't he**?
- **We form question tags with an auxiliary verb and a personal pronoun (I, you, he, it, etc.). A question tag has the same auxiliary verb as in the statement. If there is no auxiliary verb in the statement, we use do, does or did accordingly.**
  She **is** sleeping, **isn't** she?
  He **came** too late, **didn't** he?
- **A positive statement is followed by a negative question tag and a negative statement by a positive question tag.**
  He **likes** apples, **doesn't** he?
  She **doesn't** like apples, **does** she?
  He **never** complains, **does** he?
- **If we are sure of what we are asking and we don't expect an answer, the voice goes down (falling intonation). If we are not sure and we expect an answer, the voice goes up (rising intonation).**
  She is pretty, **isn't she**? (sure)
  She is a journalist, **isn't she**? (not sure)

Study the following question tags.

1	**"I am"**	**"aren't I?"**	I **am** tall, **aren't I**?
2	**"I used to"**	**"didn't I?"**	He **used to** drive to work, **didn't he**?
3	**Imperative**	**"will/won't you?"**	Please **help** me, **will/won't you**?
4	**"Let's"**	**"shall we?"**	**Let's** make a snowman, **shall we**?
5	**"Let me/him", etc.**	**"will/won't you?"**	**Let him** come with us, **will you/won't you**?
6	**"I have (got)"** (=possess)	**"haven't I?"**	He **has got** a pen, **hasn't he**?
7	**"I have"** (used idiomatically)	**"don't/doesn't/ didn't I?"**	He **had** an accident last week, **didn't he**? He **has** lunch at 12:00 pm, **doesn't he**?
8	**"There is/are"**	**"isn't/aren't there?"**	**There's** no one here, **is there**? **There are** a few pears left, **aren't there**?

6 Add question tags to the following statements.

1 Let me help you, ...will/won't you...?
2 Ann called Sam, ...?
3 She won't tell us the truth, ...?
4 Get out, ...?
5 Rosa has got a pet cat, ...?
6 They aren't going to Paris, ...?
7 She can sing well, ...?
8 Paul will do the shopping, ...?
9 He never speaks rudely, ...?
10 Let's clean the room, ...?
11 Mary didn't use to work so late, ...?
12 She has breakfast at 7:30 am, ...?
13 Let her do it, ...?
14 John spoke to Nick, ...?
15 Rania wears glasses, ...?
16 I am early for the meeting, ...?

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7 Add question tags and short answers as in the example:

1 Ben sits at the back of the class, ...doesn't he...? Yes, ..he does.....
2 He's got dark brown hair, ...? No, ... That's Bill.
3 He wears glasses, ...? Yes, ...
4 They talk a lot in class, ...? Yes, ...
5 Christiana's in the same class, ...? Yes, that's right, ...
6 Her parents are British, ...? No, ... They're Irish.

8 Tick (✓) sure / not sure according to your teacher's intonation.

	SURE	NOT SURE
1 You can take the train, can't you? ↗	☐	☑
2 He'll bring his sister, won't he?	☐	☐
3 You don't understand the exercise, do you?	☐	☐
4 Your friends won't come tomorrow, will they?	☐	☐
5 They were on the same plane as us, weren't they?	☐	☐
6 We're late, aren't we?	☐	☐
7 They live next door, don't they?	☐	☐
8 She's got beautiful blue eyes, hasn't she?	☐	☐

So - Neither / Nor

- **We use so + auxilary verb + noun/personal pronoun to agree with positive statements.**
  "They're decorating their house this week." **"So are we."** (We are decorating our house, too.)
- **We use neither / nor + auxilary verb + noun / personal pronoun to agree with negative statements.**
  "Kate doesn't eat meat." **"Neither / Nor do I."** (I don't eat meat either.)

9 Fill in the gaps with *So*, *Neither* / *Nor*, the auxiliary verb and the personal pronoun.

1 A: I've just bought a new car.
B: ...So have I..... . Mine's a Honda.

2 A: I didn't enjoy that film.
B: ..... . It was very boring.

3 A: I am going to the funfair on Saturday.
B: ..... . Maybe I'll see you there.

4 A: I was sick last week.
B: ..... . I had a terrible cold.

5 A: I don't like broccoli.
B: ..... . I think it tastes awful.

6 A: I'm looking forward to this trip.
B: ..... . I can't wait.

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Who is it?

In pairs try to guess who your partner's favourite celebrity is by asking him/her questions.

A: What does he/she do?
B: He's an actor?
A: Where is he from?
B: England?
A: How old is he? etc.

Speaking Activity

(Interview)

Read the information about this famous young actress. Then in pairs, ask and answer questions.

Fact File

- **Name:** Dakota Fanning
- **Job:** actress
- **Born:** February 23rd, 1994
- **Started acting**: age 5
- **Popular films:** *I am Sam*, *Charlotte's Web*, *War of the Worlds*
- **Lives in:** Los Angeles
- **Hobbies:** reading, swimming, playing the violin, collecting dolls

A: Who's Dakota Fanning?
B: She's an American actress. When was she born? etc.

Writing Activity

Imagine you are a reporter interviewing the famous actress from the Speaking Activity. Write the interview.

A: When did you start acting?
B: I started acting when I was five years old.
A: When were you born?

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