

## THEME 5

### Question Tags

We use question tags at the end of a statement. We form them with an auxiliary verb (is, are, was, were, do, did, have, etc.) or a modal (can, should, must, etc.) and a personal pronoun (you, he, they, etc.).

We use question tags when we are not sure about something or when we are asking for confirmation.

If the statement is positive, the question tag is negative.

Your parents have been to Portugal before, haven't they?

Mr. Cheng talked to our manager about the problem, didn't he?

There is a terrible traffic jam here between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., isn't there?

If the statement is negative, the question tag is positive.

You aren't going to Wendy's party this evening, are you?

Your mother hasn't seen the holiday brochures, has she?

Veronica can't play a musical instrument, can she?

♦ Note the following question tags. It's a good idea to learn how to use them.

I am right, aren't I?

Your father never watches horror movies, does he?

Let's eat pizza after school today, shall we?

Turn the music down, will/can/could you?

Don't forget to post the letter, will you?

Somebody was watching us through the window, weren't they?

Nobody knows Mel's address, do they?

This is a difficult situation, isn't it?

These aren't your keys, are they?

You have to speak politely here, don't you?

**Write the correct question tags.**

1. You can help me with my Spanish project, ..... ?

2. Sarah is very good at solving maths problems, ..... ?
3. The actor didn't thank his parents at the ceremony, ..... ?
4. All your ex-classmates will attend the reunion party, ..... ?
5. Steve should see a doctor as soon as possible, ..... ?
6. Your daughter wasn't at the stadium, ..... ?
7. George likes outgoing people, ..... ?
8. Your grandfather went fishing yesterday, ..... ?
9. There weren't too many guests at the party, ..... ?
10. Dave's aunt used to be overweight when she was younger, ..... ?
11. I'm always tolerant of different opinions, ..... ?
12. We must be very careful during this exam, ..... ?
13. Call me when you get to the airport, ..... ?
14. Martin never asks for advice when he's in trouble, ..... ?
15. Let's go to a Chinese restaurant to celebrate Helen's birthday, ..... ?
16. That isn't a complicated instruction, ..... ?
17. Everybody is here, ..... ?
18. I'm not wrong, ..... ?
19. Carmen can't play basketball well, ..... ?
20. Don't tell anything to Clark about that incident, ..... ?
21. Those children are very naughty, ..... ?
22. Nobody visited you yesterday evening, ..... ?
23. Your neighbors make too much noise, ..... ?
24. This is annoying, ..... ?