

Tag Questions and Embedded Questions



Practice

A. You are at barbecue. Add a question tag to help start a friendly conversation.

- *These sausages are delicious, **aren't they?*** *They certainly are.*
- *You haven't lived here long, **have you?*** *No, only three months.*

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| 1. It's quite a big garden, | Yes, of course.. |
| 2. There aren't many people here yet,.....? | No, but it's still quite early. |
| 3. You're Rachel's friend, | Yes, I'm Vicky. |
| 4. You came in a sports car, | That's right. |
| 5. These burgers look good, | I can't wait to try them. |
| 6. We can sit on the grass, | I think it's dry enough. |

B. Complete the conversation. Put in the question tags.

Emma: You don't really want to go out with me any more, **do you?**
 Mathew: Of course I do. But I need a bit of time to myself sometimes.
 Emma: You get plenty of time to yourself,

Mathew: Emma, you know what I feel for you. I've told you enough times,

Emma: Yes, you have. And you're quite happy with things as they are,

You don't mind, that we hardly talk anymore.....?

The situation doesn't bother you,

Mathew: Why are we arguing? There's nothing to argue about,

Emma: You can't ever look at things from my point of view,

C. Change the following questions into embedded questions. Use the prompts.

- a. When was the town founded?
--> Could you tell me
- b. What's the population of the town?
--> Do you know
- c. Where can I change some money?
--> I'd like to know
- d. What's the exchange rate today?
--> Do you know.....?

**D. Read the following and write an appropriate sentence with a question tag.
In each example you are asking your listener to agree with you.**

1. You look out of the window. It's a beautiful day. What do you say to your friend?

--> It's.....

2. You've just come out of the cinema with your friend. You both really enjoyed the film.
You thought it was great. What do you say?

--> The film.....

3. Tom's hair is much shorter. Clearly he has had his hair cut. What do you say to him?

--> You.....

4. You are shopping. You are trying on a jacket. You look in the mirror: it doesn't look very nice.
What do you say?

--> It.....

**E. Now you are asking people for information, or asking people to do things, etc.
Make sentences using a question tag.**

1. Jack is just going out. You want him to get some stamps. Ask him.

--> Jack, you.....

2. You're looking for Ann. Perhaps Tom knows where she is. Ask him.

--> Tom, you.....

3. You need a bicycle pump. Perhaps Tom has got one. Ask him.

--> Tom,.....

4. Ann has a car and you don't want to walk home. You want her to give you a lift. Ask her.

--> Ann,.....