

# QUESTION TAGS



Question tags are short questions at the end of statements. They are used in speech when we want to confirm that something is true or not, or to encourage a reply from the person we are speaking to.

(Question tags (upitni privesci) se koriste kako bismo pitali nekoga da li se slaže sa nečim. Prevode se sa "nije li", "zar ne" ... )

Question tags are formed with the auxiliary or modal verb from the statement and the appropriate subject pronoun. (Question tag se gradi pomoću pomoćnih ili modalnih glagola i odgovarajuće lične zamenice.)



A positive statement is followed by a negative question tag. A negative statement is followed by a positive question tag.

(Ako je rečenica potvrдна, Question tag mora da bude odričan, i obrnuto- ako je rečenica odrična, Question tag je potvrдан.)

## EXAMPLES:

| TENSE<br>and auxiliary verbs              | POSITIVE STATEMENT                   | NEGATIVE<br>QUESTION<br>TAG              | NEGATIVE<br>STATEMENT                      | POSITIVE<br>QUESTION<br>TAG |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Present Continuous<br>Tense (am, are, is) | He <b>is</b> sitting in his bedroom, | <b>isn't</b> he?                         | He <b>isn't</b> sitting in his<br>bedroom, | <b>is</b> he?               |
| Present Simple Tense<br>(do/does)         | She <b>plays</b> the guitar,         | <b>doesn't</b> she?                      | She <b>doesn't</b> play the<br>guitar,     | <b>does</b> she?            |
| Past Simple Tense (did)                   | They <b>broke</b> the window,        | <b>didn't</b> they?                      | They <b>didn't</b> break the<br>window,    | <b>did</b> they?            |
| Past Continuous Tense<br>(was/ were)      | John <b>was</b> singing,             | <b>wasn't</b> he?                        | John <b>wasn't</b> singing,                | <b>was</b> he?              |
| Present Perfect Tense<br>(have/has)       | You <b>have</b> bought this book,    | <b>haven't</b> you?                      | You <b>haven't</b> bought this<br>book,    | <b>have</b> you?            |
| Future Simple Tense<br>(will)             | Grandma <b>will</b> make a cake,     | <b>won't</b> she?<br>(won't=will<br>not) | Grandma <b>won't</b> make a<br>cake,       | <b>will</b> she?            |

| MODAL VERB | POSITIVE STATEMENT                     | NEGATIVE<br>QUESTION<br>TAG | NEGATIVE STATEMENT                           | POSITIVE<br>QUESTION<br>TAG |
|------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CAN        | I <b>can</b> come,                     | <b>can't</b> I?             | I <b>can't</b> come,                         | <b>can</b> I?               |
| MUST       | He <b>must</b> go,                     | <b>mustn't</b> he?          | He <b>mustn't</b> go,                        | <b>must</b> he?             |
| SHOULD     | You <b>should</b> tell her everything, | <b>shouldn't</b><br>you?    | You <b>shouldn't</b> tell her<br>everything, | <b>should</b> you?          |

## EXCEPTIONS:

**There is** a book on the shelf, **isn't there?**

**She is never** at home, **is she?**

- ❖ Ako u rečenici imamo reči kao što su **NEVER, NOBODY, NOTHING, NOWHERE...** koje same po sebi čine rečenicu odričnom, Question tag će biti potvrđan.

**I am right,** **aren't I?**

**Let's go** for a walk, **shall we?** (Let's= Let us)

**That is** your book over there, **isn't it?**

(this/ that- odgovarajuća zamenica je IT)

**Everything is** done, **isn't it?**

- ❖ Ako je subjekat u glavnoj rečenici neka od sledećih neodređenih zamenica (**something, anything, everything, nothing**), koristimo **IT** kao odgovarajuću ličnu zamenicu u Question tag-u.

**Anyone can** solve this maths problem, **can't THEY?**

**Nobody is** perfect, **are they?**

- ❖ Ako je subjekat u glavnoj rečenici neka neodređena zamenica (**anyone, anybody, no one, nobody, none, neither, everyone, somebody, someone, everybody...**), koristimo **THEY** kao odgovarajuću ličnu zamenicu u Question tag-u.

**Open the window,** **will you?**

**Close the door,** **will you?**

**Don't open the window,** **won't you?**

## MATCH THE SENTENCE ON THE LEFT WITH THE CORRECT QUESTION TAG ON THE RIGHT:

She is from England,

I am good,

Alice and Billy don't want to play with them,

Open your books,

He has sung for hours,

will you?

hasn't he?

isn't she?

aren't I?

do they?

## COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT QUESTION TAGS:

1. Let's go for a walk, \_\_\_\_\_?

2. She is your sister, \_\_\_\_\_?

3. John has never been to Rome, \_\_\_\_\_?

4. I'm too nervous, \_\_\_\_\_?

5. Don't tell lies, \_\_\_\_\_?

6. No one believes you, \_\_\_\_\_?

7. He'll come tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_?

8. He ate an ice cream yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?

9. Alice can play basketball, \_\_\_\_\_?

10. You don't love cats, \_\_\_\_\_?

11. They were watching TV all day yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?

12. She could still win, \_\_\_\_\_?

13. There aren't any chair, \_\_\_\_\_?

14. They've got many cousins, \_\_\_\_\_?

15. I'm not in the right shop, \_\_\_\_\_?

16. Tom and Betty will share it, \_\_\_\_\_?

17. You can't swim, \_\_\_\_\_?

18. Let's play volleyball, \_\_\_\_\_?

19. Stop talking, \_\_\_\_\_?

20. You can help me, \_\_\_\_\_?

21. They usually sleep after lunch, \_\_\_\_\_?

22. This is a cow, \_\_\_\_\_?

23. It took three years to make Shrek 2, \_\_\_\_\_?

24. They released their first record in 1979, \_\_\_\_\_?

25. Everything is packed, \_\_\_\_\_?