

Tag Questions, *You speak English, don't you?*

PART ONE

A tag question is a special construction in English. It is a statement followed by a mini-question. The whole sentence is a "tag question", and the mini-question at the end is called a "question tag".

The basic structure is:

Statement	question tag
+ Positive statement,	- negative tag?
Snow is white,	isn't it?
- Negative statement,	+ positive tag?
You don't like me,	do you?

Notice that the question tag repeats the auxiliary verb (or main verb when *be*) from the statement and changes it to negative or positive.

You won't go, **will you?**
 You would tell me, **wouldn't you?**
 She can't come, **can she?**
 They aren't working, **are they?**
 She likes the Beatles, **doesn't she?**
 They should be there now, **shouldn't they?**
 She isn't angry, **is she?**
 You are very motivated, **aren't you?**

EXERCISES

I.-Choose the correct answer.

1. You've seen her, _____?
 haven't you didn't you
2. He is flying to Madrid tomorrow, _____?
 doesn't he isn't he
3. He's a great singer, _____?
 isn't he doesn't he
4. He lives with his family, _____?
 isn't he doesn't he
5. He is sleeping, _____?
 isn't he doesn't he
6. He has seen this movie, _____?
 didn't he hasn't he
7. You're Mexican, _____?
 don't you aren't you
8. They like that band, _____?
 aren't they don't they
9. My sisters saw my mother, _____?
 didn't they haven't they
10. Your brother has been to Italy, _____?
 didn't he hasn't he

II.- Match the items on the right to the items on the left.

A. She doesn't speak Chinese,	1. will he?
B. She works in a bank,	2. doesn't she?
C. Nobody liked the cake,	3. does she?
D. They all arrived late,	4. have you?
E. He will study Law,	5. didn't they?
F. He won't pass the exam,	6. won't he?
G. You have brought your swimming suit,	7. is he?
H. You haven't forgotten her present,	8. haven't you?
I. He is studying in the library,	9. did they?
J. He isn't concentrating,	10. isn't he?

III.-Choose the correct answer and then complete the sentences

1. You are a student, _____
a. are you? aren't you?
2. She can drive, , _____
a. can't she? can she?
3. That car is too expensive, , _____
a. isn't it? isn't that?
4. Larry wasn't at home yesterday, , _____
a. is he? was he?
5. Lisa is going to the party, , _____
a. doesn't she? isn't she?
6. There aren't enough chairs for everyone, , _____
a. are there? is there?
7. The bus stops here, _____
 Doesn't it? isn't it?
8. She doesn't agree with you, _____
 does she? do you?