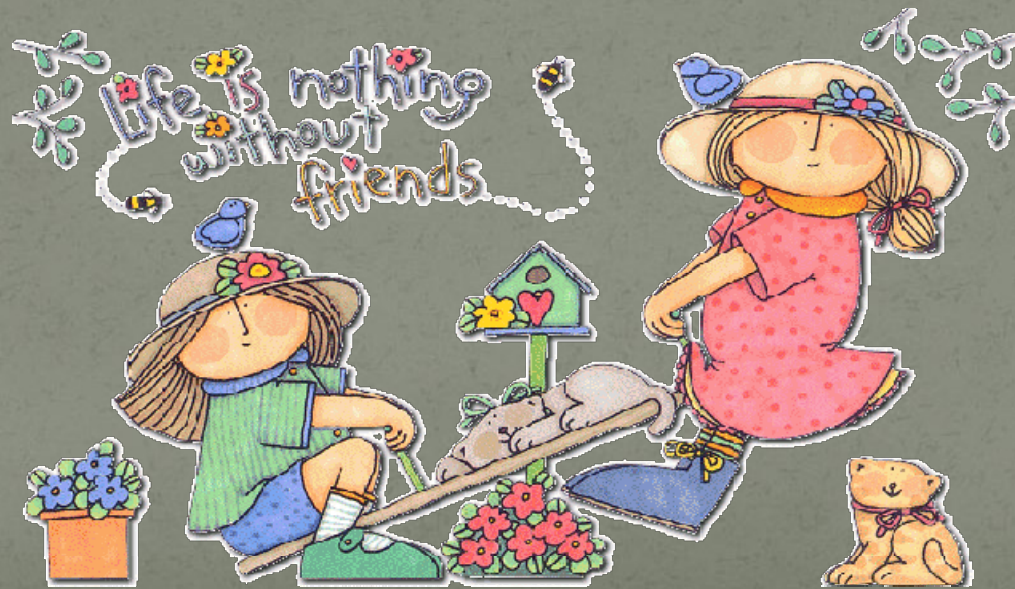


Using Tag Questions



What a question tag is .

The function of a question tag .

The way to form question tags .



What is a **tag question**?

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Question tags are used when asking for agreement or confirmation.*

You are a student, **aren't you?**

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a positive statement + **a negative question tag**

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A subject pronoun comes after an auxiliary, a modal verb or a form of the verb *To Be*.

a negative statement + a positive question tag



Forming Tag Questions

ENGLISH

POSITIVE STATEMENT

You **are** a student,
He **is** very busy,
She **was** happy,
They **were** surprised,

NEGATIVE QUESTION TAG

aren't you?
isn't he?
wasn't she?
weren't they?

EXCEPTION!

am late,



Forming Tag Questions

a negative statement + a positive question tag

Negative Statement

Positive Tag

You	aren't	a teacher,	are you?
He	isn't	crazy,	is he?
He	wasn't	relaxed,	was he?
They	weren't	late,	were they?

Forming Tag Questions

POSITIVE STATEMENT

You **have** studied all week,

You **had** arrived before we left,

You **will** pass the exam,

You **can** speak two languages,

You **could** do it for me,

We **must** be patient,

NEGATIVE QUESTION TAG

haven't you?

hadn't you?

won't you?

can't you?

couldn't you?

mustn't we?



Forming Tag Questions

NEGATIVE STATEMENT

You **haven't** been here all week,

You **hadn't** done it before then,

You **won't** fail the exam,

You **can't** drive a car,

You **couldn't** do it for me,

We **mustn't** say anything,

POSITIVE QUESTION TAG

have you?

had you?

will you?

can you?

could you?

must we?

Forming Tag Questions

NEGATIVE STATEMENT

POSITIVE QUESTION TAG

You **don't** speak French, **do** you?

She **doesn't** speak Italian, **does** she?

He **didn't** study for the test, **did** he?

Forming Tag Questions

POSITIVE STATEMENT

You **speak** English,

He **speaks** Spanish,

She **studied** for the test,

They **need** a dictionary,

John **lived** in Japan,

Mary **wants** a new car,

NEGATIVE QUESTION TAG

don't you?

doesn't he?

didn't she?

don't they?

didn't he?

doesn't she?

Action Verbs

POSITIVE STATEMENT

You **speak** English,
He **speaks** Spanish,
She **studied** for the test,

They **need** a dictionary,
John **lived** in Japan,
Mary **wants** a new car,

NEGATIVE QUESTION TAG

don't you?

doesn't he?

didn't she?

don't they?

didn't he?

doesn't she?

Exceptional Cases

STATEMENT

I am early,

Let's go to the beach,

There aren't any spiders,

This is Paul's pen,

Don't forget,

QUESTION TAG

aren't I?

shall we?

are there?

isn't it?

will you?

1. You've called the movers,
 2. They're coming tomorrow,
 3. This isn't going to be cheap,
 4. You haven't finished packing,
 5. We don't need any more boxes,
 6. Pablo is going to help us,
 7. We can put some things in storage,
 8. Jack isn't buying our bookcases,
 9. We need to disconnect the phone,
 10. The movers aren't packing the books for us,
 11. We can't turn off the electricity yet,
 12. Moving is hard,
- a. can we?
 - b. do we?
 - c. is he?
 - d. isn't it?
 - e. aren't they?
 - f. have you?
 - g. isn't he?
 - h. is it?
 - i. haven't you?
 - j. don't we?
 - k. can't we?
 - l. are they?



The End

This was easy, wasn't it?

