

# QUESTION TAGS



1. A tag question is a short question (e.g. **have you?** / **haven't you?**) that follows a statement:

You haven't got a car, **have you?**      It was a good film, **wasn't it?**

2. Normally we use a positive question tag with a negative sentence:

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negative sentence + positive tag  
Tom **won't** be late, **will he?**  
They **don't** like us, **do they?**  
That **isn't** George over there, **is it?**

And normally we use a negative question tag with a positive sentence:

positive sentence + negative tag  
Ann **will** be here soon, **won't she?**  
Tom **should** pass his exam, **shouldn't he?**  
They **were** very angry, **weren't they?**

### 3. How do we form QUESTION TAGS?

- a) Auxiliaries like **be, have, can, may, must, should**, etc. used in the statement are reported at the end followed by the subject (always a pronoun):

John **was** annoyed, **wasn't** he?

auxiliary verb

He **wasn't** annoyed, **was** he?

I **am** late, **aren't I?** → Notice that we say **aren't I?** (= am I not)

- b) With all other verbs, tag questions are formed with **do/don't** and **does/doesn't** (Present Simple) and **did/didn't** (Past Simple):

You **like** fish, **don't** you?

They **don't like** fish, **do** they?

He **likes** fish, **doesn't** he?

She **liked** fish, **didn't** she?

This also applies to **have** and **do** as main verbs:

You **have** tea at 4, **don't** you?

You **did** your homework, **didn't** you?

- c) Tag questions are also possible with **there**:

**There will** be a strike, **won't** there?



Add a **question-tag** to these sentences:

1. He is late this morning, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. The hotel was quite good, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. She cooks well, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. You can't tell the difference, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. They always sleep after lunch, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. You're coming with us, \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Mary plays football, \_\_\_\_\_?
8. You didn't have any lessons this morning, \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Ann is on holiday, \_\_\_\_\_?
10. The students see it everyday, \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Mr Priestley doesn't know your father, \_\_\_\_\_?
12. There are lots of cars here, \_\_\_\_\_?



13. I am not disturbing you, \_\_\_\_\_?
14. Tom does his work very well, \_\_\_\_\_?
15. This isn't very pleasant, \_\_\_\_\_?
16. She likes quiet places, \_\_\_\_\_?
17. Tom doesn't play the piano, \_\_\_\_\_?
18. They didn't hurt the child, \_\_\_\_\_?
19. There were two car accidents yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?
20. Tourists used to come here, \_\_\_\_\_?
21. You haven't got a computer, \_\_\_\_\_?
22. You don't have to follow him, \_\_\_\_\_?
23. He has to fill a form, \_\_\_\_\_?
24. He didn't have to choose one, \_\_\_\_\_?
25. He has your ticket, \_\_\_\_\_?
26. Everything is all right, \_\_\_\_\_?
27. He has got to leave, \_\_\_\_\_?
28. Smoking ruins our health, \_\_\_\_\_?
29. Most people cannot go to Africa, \_\_\_\_\_?
30. Finding a job isn't easy, \_\_\_\_\_?

