

What Are Question Tags?

Worksheet

A question tag is a small question added to the end of a statement — like 'You're coming, aren't you?' or 'He doesn't know, does he?' They ask for agreement or confirmation and reverse polarity from the main clause.

Questions

1. 'He's a teacher, __?'

- A) is he
- B) isn't he
- C) he is
- D) he isn't

2. 'You didn't go, __?'

- A) did you
- B) didn't you
- C) you did
- D) you didn't

3. 'We can solve this, __?'

- A) we can
- B) can we
- C) can't we
- D) we can't

4. 'I'm late, __?'

- A) I'm not
- B) am I not
- C) aren't I
- D) I am

5. Form a question tag for: 'She has finished her work.'

6. Form a question tag for: 'They don't like pizza.'

7. Form a question tag for: 'You'll be there tomorrow.'

8. Define: What is a question tag?

9. Define: Does the tag have the same polarity as the statement?

10. Define: What auxiliary goes in the tag?

Answer Key

1. B) isn't he — Positive statement (is) → negative tag (isn't). Answer: 'He's a teacher, isn't he?'
2. A) did you — Negative statement (didn't) → positive tag (did). Answer: 'You didn't go, did you?'
3. C) can't we — Positive (can) → negative tag (can't). Answer: 'We can solve this, can't we?'
4. C) aren't I — Positive (am) → negative tag. Answer: 'I'm late, aren't I?' (not 'am I not')
5. Main verb: 'has' (present perfect positive) Reverse polarity: use 'hasn't' (negative) Add pronoun: 'hasn't she' Full tag: 'She has finished her work, hasn't she?'
6. Main verb: 'do' (negative) Reverse polarity: use positive 'do' Add pronoun: 'do they' Full tag: 'They don't like pizza, do they?'
7. Main verb: 'will' (future positive) Reverse polarity: 'won't' (negative) Add pronoun: 'won't you' Full tag: 'You'll be there tomorrow, won't you?'
8. A short question added to the end of a statement to ask for confirmation — e.g., 'isn't it?', 'haven't they?'
9. No — it reverses. Positive statement → negative tag. Negative statement → positive tag.
10. The same auxiliary as the main clause (be, have, do, will, can) or add 'do' if there's no auxiliary.

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