

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:

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, _____?

