



Question Tags

Why Do We Use Question Tags?

To seek confirmation of something we believe

To get someone to agree/disagree with us



Forms (Question Tags)

Positive Form

Negative Form

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Positive Form

Negative Form

did they?
have you?

didn't they?
haven't you?

Positive Statement, Negative tag

The film is over, isn't it?

He is going to France, isn't he?

They like chips, don't they?

The book was interesting, wasn't it?

She can swim, can't she?

Negative Statement, Positive tag

There isn't time, is there?

We aren't leaving, are we?

The dog doesn't bite, does it?

The computer isn't broken, is it?

The boy can't spell, can he?

Sentences with modal verbs

You won't leave us, will you?

She must know about the accident, mustn't she?

The party can still happen, can't it?

We should stay alert, shouldn't we?

He has been to America, hasn't he?



Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with suitable tags.

They should take a left, _____?

He ought to be home soon, _____?

I can go to the park, _____?

We could have tried harder, _____?

Her boyfriend shouldn't have done that, _____?

You oughtn't jump to conclusions, _____?

Delilah must try the tartare sauce, _____?

The pie mightn't be burnt, _____?



Sentences with no modal verbs

The verb of the sentence is only one word
we use do, does or did

Your sister enjoys sport, doesn't she?

The plate smashed, didn't it?

The chef washed his hands, didn't he?

He bought a new car, didn't he?

You usually finish first, don't you?



Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with suitable tags.

The soldier died, _____?

She eats meat, _____?

They met in Barbados, _____?

We want the bill, _____?

Children play with toys, _____?

You want to work, _____?

The plane landed safely, _____?

I look smart enough, _____?



Negative sentences

- A. not (we have discussed in previous videos)
- B. words like little, few, hardly, scarcely, rarely and seldom
- C. when we see nothing, none, no one, nowhere and nobody

Negative sentences

- B. words like little, few, hardly, scarcely, rarely and seldom

There is little point in that, is there?

There are few good things to say about him, are there?

You have hardly helped, have you?

He scarcely recognised his sister, did he?

The author rarely appears in public, does he?

Our uncle seldom visits, does he?



Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with suitable tags.

- He seldom sleeps more than six hours, _____?
- They rarely fight, _____?
- We should hardly have bothered, _____?
- There's little more that we can do, _____?
- You hardly ever laugh, _____?
- He has few intelligent things to say, _____?



Negative sentences

(C. when we see nothing, none, no one, nowhere and nobody)

- There is none left, is there?
- There is no one left, is there?
- We found nowhere to stay, did we?
- Nobody came to the meeting, did they?



Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with suitable tags.

- No one likes mushrooms more than me, _____?
- Nothing else matters, _____?
- None of them are mouldy, _____?
- Nowhere else is open, _____?
- No one knows what time it is, _____?
- She would like nothing more than that, _____?



Make a request using an imperative verb

Takes the form of a positive future tag using will, can or could.

- Turn off the radio, will you?
- Give me the keys, will you?
- Clean up that mess, can you?
- Close the window, could you?
- Get him for me, could you?



Give someone a command or reminder

Use the negative future tag won't

- Remember to get there on time, won't you?
- Stay safe, won't you?
- Go to bed now, won't you?



When using 'don't' as an imperative

Use 'will you?' as the tag

- Don't do that, will you?
- Don't get in an accident, will you?
- Don't make so much noise, will you?



When using 'let's' to make a suggestion

Use 'shall we?' as the tag

- Let's go to the park, shall we?
- Let's have a party, shall we?
- Let's talk about it tomorrow, shall we?



When using 'let me' as a request

Use 'will you?' as the tag

- Let me try the sauce, will you?
- Let me go to the party, will you?
- Let me have a go on a bike, will you?

