

TAG QUESTIONS

Tag questions are small questions that we put at the end of a sentence.

They can be formed using the present or past simple of the auxiliary verb found in the main sentence.

- When the first part of the question is positive, the tag is negative.

E.g. *Andrew was sick, wasn't he?* - (auxiliary verb = *to be* in the past simple)

She studies maths, doesn't she? - (auxiliary verb = *to do* in present simple)

- When the first part of the question is negative, the tag is positive.

E.g. *He didn't break the window, did he?* – (auxiliary verb = *to do* in past simple)

They aren't at home, are they? – (auxiliary verb = *to be* in the present simple)

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the following questions inserting the correct vocabulary and the correct tag questions in the spaces provided.

*foggy / exist / peaceful / reach / box / light blue / pilot /
lesson / basketball*

1. It's very _____ this morning, _____?
2. You're an aeroplane _____, _____?
3. They didn't buy a house, _____?
4. The countryside is very _____ and relaxing, _____?
5. You've finished your Open Class _____, _____?
6. We weren't the last to arrive, _____?
7. Neil likes _____, _____?
8. That shirt is _____, _____?
9. You can _____ the top shelf, _____?

10. You didn't clean your room, _____?
11. UFOs don't really _____, _____?
12. Samantha gave Richard a gift, _____?
13. Richard was very happy, _____?

EXERCISE 2

Match the question tag with the affirmative, negative, interrogative sentences.

E.g. You are getting married this year, aren't you?

1. She hasn't been on holiday for ages,?
2. We're not going to that horrible restaurant again,?
3. If I press this button, the alarm will go off,?
4. You wouldn't leave me here all alone,?
5. They're coming by train,?

6. You've got to work on Sundays too,?
7. You don't need to be tall to be good at basketball,.....?
8. They live in the middle of nowhere,?
9. You won't forget to post my letter,.....?

EXERCISE 3

In some cases there are exceptions. For the following sentences explain why we use a specific tag.

E.g. You're no Prince charming, are you ?

Words such as no, nobody, neither etc... are classed as negative. Therefore an affirmative tag is used.

1. So, you're a doctor, are you ?
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2. Let's go swimming, shall we ?

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3. You've never been to my house before, have you ?

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4. Stop doing that, will you ?

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5. She married a Prince, did she ?

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