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## Mini Lesson 022 - Question Tags in English

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Question tags are short questions added to the end of statements, often used to confirm information or seek agreement. They turn a statement into a question.

### Basic Structure:

- **Positive statement** → **Negative tag**

- Example: \*You're coming, **aren't** you?\*

- **Negative statement** → **Positive tag**

- Example: \*She isn't here, **is** she?\*

### Formation Rules:

1. **If the statement is positive, the tag is negative:**

- Example: \*He is a doctor, **isn't** he?\*

2. **If the statement is negative, the tag is positive:**

- Example: \*They don't like fish, **do** they?\*

3. **Use the auxiliary verb from the statement in the tag:**

- Example: \*You have finished, **haven't** you?\*

4. **If there is no auxiliary verb, use 'do', 'does', or 'did' in the tag:**

- Example: \*You like coffee, **don't** you?\*

### Special Cases:

- **With 'I am':**

- \*I am early, **aren't** I?\*

- **With 'Let's':**

- \*Let's go, **shall** we?\*

### Intonation:

- **Falling intonation** when you expect the listener to agree.

- Example: \*It's cold today, **isn't** it?\* (You think it's cold)

- **Rising intonation** when you're less sure and genuinely asking.

- Example: \*You're going to the party, **aren't** you?\* (You're not sure)





**Exercises:**

**1. Add the correct question tag:**

1. She can speak French, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. It's a beautiful day, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. You haven't seen this movie, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. They were late, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. You don't like pizza, \_\_\_\_\_?

**2. Choose the correct question tag:**

1. We are meeting at 5 PM, \_\_\_\_\_? (isn't it / aren't we)
2. You've finished your homework, \_\_\_\_\_? (haven't you / don't you)
3. He can't swim, \_\_\_\_\_? (can he / can't he)
4. She won't be late, \_\_\_\_\_? (will she / won't she)
5. Let's go to the park, \_\_\_\_\_? (shall we / should we)





**3. Rewrite the following sentences by adding the appropriate question tag:**

1. The weather is nice today.
2. You aren't going to the party.
3. He's working late tonight.
4. She doesn't know the answer.
5. We should try that new restaurant.

**4. True or False:**

1. The question tag for "He is coming" is "is he?" (True/False)
2. "We should leave now, shouldn't we?" is a correct use of a question tag.  
(True/False)
3. "You are hungry, aren't I?" is correct. (True/False)
4. "They don't know the way, do they?" is correct. (True/False)
5. "She will come, won't she?" is a correct use of a question tag. (True/False)





### Answers:

#### 1. Add the correct question tag:

1. She can speak French, **can't she?**
2. It's a beautiful day, **isn't it?**
3. You haven't seen this movie, **have you?**
4. They were late, **weren't they?**
5. You don't like pizza, **do you?**

#### 2. Choose the correct question tag:

1. We are meeting at 5 PM, **aren't we?**
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#### 3. Rewrite the sentences:

1. The weather is nice today, **isn't it?**
2. You aren't going to the party, **are you?**
3. He's working late tonight, **isn't he?**
4. She doesn't know the answer, **does she?**
5. We should try that new restaurant, **shouldn't we?**

#### 4. True or False:

1. The question tag for "He is coming" is "is he?" (False)
2. "We should leave now, shouldn't we?" is a correct use of a question tag. (True)
3. "You are hungry, aren't I?" is correct. (False)
4. "They don't know the way, do they?" is correct. (True)
5. "She will come, won't she?" is a correct use of a question tag. (True)

