



Mini Lesson 325 - Tag Questions with Negative Statements

Tag questions are short questions added to the end of a statement to confirm information or seek agreement. When the main statement is negative, the tag question is positive.

When to use Tag Questions with Negative Statements:

- To check if something is true:
- Example: "She doesn't like pizza, does she?"
- To confirm information:
- Example: "You aren't coming to the party, are you?"

Structure:

- Negative statement + positive tag
- Example: "It's not cold outside, is it?"
- Note: If the subject is a pronoun, use that pronoun in the tag.

Examples:

- Correct: "He can't swim, can he?"
- Correct: "They don't understand the homework, do they?"





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Tag Questions

Complete each sentence with the correct tag question.

1. You don't like chocolate, _____?
2. She isn't going to the concert, _____?
3. They haven't finished their project, _____?
4. It isn't raining today, _____?
5. He doesn't want to play outside, _____?
6. We aren't meeting them later, _____?
7. Your brother doesn't play soccer, _____?
8. This isn't your final answer, _____?

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences by adding a tag question at the end.

1. Karen doesn't like the movie. _____
2. You can't speak French. _____
3. They aren't going to stay for dinner. _____
4. The dog doesn't like the rain. _____
5. We shouldn't be late to the meeting. _____





Section 3: Choose the Correct Tag

Choose the correct tag question to complete each statement.

1. She rarely eats fast food, _____?

- a) does she
- b) doesn't she

2. They can't finish their homework, _____?

- a) can they
- b) can't they

3. It isn't too late, _____?

- a) is it
- b) isn't it

4. You have never been to Paris, _____?

- a) have you
- b) haven't you

5. He shouldn't drive too fast, _____?

- a) should he
- b) shouldn't he





Section 4: Create Your Own Tag Questions

Write your own tag questions for the following statements.

1. I don't have any pets.

Tag question: _____

2. They won't be upset about the change.

Tag question: _____

3. She hasn't seen that movie before.

Tag question: _____

4. We don't need to hurry.

Tag question: _____

Section 5: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with the correct tag questions.

A: He didn't finish his homework, _____?

B: No, he didn't. He forgot about it, _____?

A: I thought he would remember, _____?

B: Well, he often forgets things, _____?

A: That's true. He has a lot on his mind, _____?





Answers:

Section 1:

1. do you
2. does she
3. do they
4. is it
5. does he
6. are we
7. does your brother
8. is it

Section 2:

1. Karen doesn't like the movie, does she?
2. You can't speak French, can you?
3. They aren't going to stay for dinner, are they?
4. The dog doesn't like the rain, does it?
5. We shouldn't be late to the meeting, should we?

Section 3:

1. a) does she
2. a) can they
3. a) is it
4. a) have you
5. a) should he

Section 4:

1. ... do I?
2. ... will they?
3. ... has she?
4. ... do we?

Section 5:

1. did he
2. did he
3. did he
4. does he
5. does he

