



❖ Tag Questions Grammar

Definition

- Tag questions (or question tags) turn a statement into a question. They are often used for checking information that we think we know is true.

<p>Structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A) positive main clause, negative tag question • B) negative main clause, positive tag question
<p>Example</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It 's cold (positive), isn't it (negative)? • It isn't cold (negative), is it (positive)?
<p>Note</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the main clause has an auxiliary verb in it, you use the same verb in the tag question. If there is no auxiliary verb (in the present simple and past simple) use do / does / did (just like when you make a normal question).



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Common tenses with tag questions

Present simple 'be'

- She's Italian, **isn't she?**

Present simple 'action verbs'

- They live in London, **don't they?**

Past simple 'be'

- It was cold yesterday, **wasn't it?**

Past simple 'action verbs'

- He went to the party last night, **didn't he?**

Present continuous

- We're working tomorrow, **aren't we?**

Past continuous

- We were waiting at the station, **weren't we?**

Present perfect

- They've been to Japan, **haven't they?**



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Common tenses with tag questions

Future simple

- She'll come at six, **won't she?**

Modal verbs

- He can help, **can't he?**
- John must stay, **mustn't he?**
- I should go to the gym, **shouldn't I?**

Exceptions

Note

- There is one weird exception: the question tag after **I am** is **aren't I**.

Example

- I **am** right, **aren't I?**
- I **am** at the right place, **aren't I?**