

QUESTIONS TAGS



A question tag is a brief question placed at the end of a statement to verify or confirm information. It typically reflects the auxiliary verb or modal from the main sentence and agrees with the subject in both number and person.

Rule	Description	Example Sentence	Question Tag
Positive Statement → Negative Tag	Use “not” in the tag if the statement is positive	She is coming to the party,	isn’t she?
Negative Statement → Positive Tag	Remove “not”/”never” and use positive verb in the tag	He doesn’t like tea,	does he?
Use same Auxiliary or Modal	Mirror the helping verb or modal used in the statement	They have finished their work,	haven’t they?
No Auxiliary in Statement → Use “do/does/did”	If no helping verb is used, use do/does/did	She speaks French,	doesn’t she?
Use Pronouns in Tag	The tag must match the subject in person and number	Ramesh plays cricket,	doesn’t he?
Imperatives → Use “will you” / “won’t you” / “can you”	Imperatives often take these tag forms	Close the door,	will you?
Let’s → Use “shall we”	For suggestions with “let’s”	Let’s go to the park,	shall we?
I am → Use “aren’t I”	Exception: Use “aren’t I” with “I am”	I am your friend,	aren’t I?
With “Nothing”, “Nobody”, “None” → Use Positive Tag	Negative words need a positive tag	Nobody came to the event,	did they?
With “Everything”, “Everyone” → Use “they” in Tag	Use “they” as subject pronoun	Everyone enjoyed the show,	didn’t they?

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- Instruction: Select the correct question tag for a negative past ability statement.**
Your sister couldn’t swim when she was younger, ____?
(A) couldn’t she (B) did she (C) could she (D) doesn’t she
- Instruction: Choose the correct question tag for a negative present simple statement.**
You don’t like spicy food, ____?
(A) don’t you (B) did you (C) do you (D) doesn’t you
- Instruction: Select the correct question tag for a positive future intention.**
The workers will finish the project on time, ____?
(A) will they (B) didn’t they (C) haven’t they (D) won’t they

4. **Instruction: Choose the correct question tag for a negative present simple statement.**
He isn't interested in politics, ____?
(A) isn't he (B) is he (C) does he (D) didn't he
5. **Instruction: Select the correct question tag for a negative habitual action.**
Your parents never scold you, ____?
(A) do they (B) don't they (C) did they (D) didn't they
6. **Instruction: Choose the appropriate question tag for a negative past perfect statement.**
She had already left before you arrived, ____?
(A) did she (B) doesn't she (C) hadn't she (D) wasn't she
7. **Instruction: Select the correct question tag for a positive future request.**
Let me know if you need help, ____?
(A) won't you (B) don't you (C) can you (D) will you
8. **Instruction: Choose the correct question tag for a negative statement about directions.**
This isn't the way to the station, ____?
(A) isn't it (B) does it (C) is it (D) hasn't it
9. **Instruction: Select the correct question tag for a negative habitual action.**
They hardly speak to their neighbours, ____?
(A) don't they (B) did they (C) do they (D) haven't they
10. **Instruction: Choose the correct question tag for a positive past achievement.**
She won the first prize in the competition, ____?
(A) did she (B) didn't she (C) doesn't she (D) won't she

ANSWER KEY

1. (C)	2. (C)	3. (D)	4. (B)	5. (A)	6. (C)	7. (D)	8. (C)	9. (C)	10. (B)
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