

Question Tags

Question tags are used to show that although we are asking a question, we already have an idea of what the answer is. It's important to notice that a question tag that is in the negative means the person asking thinks the answer is *yes* (e.g. *You have a car, don't you?*)

See the examples below

Normal Question	Do you have a dog?	Completely unsure
Negative Question Tag	You have a dog, don't you?	Believes the answer is <i>yes</i>
Positive Question Tag	You don't have a dog, do you?	Believes the answer is <i>no</i>

Question tags are formed by taking the auxiliary verb (the first word from the normal question) and putting it at the end of the sentence. This means that the question tag changes depending on which tense is being used. See the examples below

Present Simple	Do you live alone?	You live alone, don't you?
Past Simple	Did you eat the cookie?	You ate the cookie, didn't you?
Present Progressive	Are you driving?	You're driving, aren't you?
Future Simple	Will you finish the report?	You'll finish the report, won't you?



1. Match the questions to their logical answers:

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| <p>a) You haven't seen my wallet, have you?</p> <p>b) You're a tax advisor, aren't you?</p> <p>c) This is his medicine, isn't it?</p> <p>d) You've been to France, haven't you?</p> <p>e) You'll call tomorrow, won't you?</p> <p>f) You have a boyfriend, don't you?</p> <p>g) You're not listening to me, are you?</p> <p>h) The capital of Australia is Sydney isn't it?</p> | <p>1. I have, the food was amazing!</p> <p>2. Actually, I'm single.</p> <p>3. I think I have actually, is that it on the table?</p> <p>4. Actually, it's Canberra.</p> <p>5. Not exactly, I'm a financial advisor.</p> <p>6. Huh? I'm sorry what did you say?</p> <p>7. Of course I will Mom.</p> <p>8. Yes it is, it's got his name on it.</p> |
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Note: The word "actually" is often used to introduce information that may be surprising, or to politely correct someone. Eg. *"You don't have a cat, do you?" "Actually I have 3 cats"*

**2. Turn the normal questions into *negative* question tags.**

a) Did you like the movie?

You liked the movie, didn't you?

b) Do you have a motorbike?

c) Is Sam coming to the party?

d) Does your father work for the government?

e) Have you had a haircut?

f) Are you going to leave today?

**3. Now turn the normal questions into *positive* question tags.**

a) Do you drive to work?

You don't drive to work, do you?

b) Have you seen the new James Bond movie?


c) Do you drink red wine?

d) Did somebody tell you the answers?

e) Are you angry with me?

f) Is it raining?

**4. Pairwork: Make 3 "question tag" questions to ask your partner**

 5. Look at the photos below and create your own question tag questions about them. E.g. *That's dangerous isn't it?*



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 6. Listen to the three conversations and mark the statements true or false.

Conversation 1:

- a) Toby is looking for his wallet. T / F
- b) Toby is coming to the party. T / F
- c) Marie doesn't think Toby's girlfriend is vegetarian. T / F
- d) Toby loves spicy food. T / F

Conversation 2:

- a) Jessica is late because she got lost. T / F
- b) Frank doesn't think the area around the office is confusing. T / F
- c) Frank correctly remembers what Jessica studied. T / F
- d) Frank enjoyed university T / F

Conversation 3

- a) George is pretty sure Sarah has a dog. T / F
- b) Sarah knew about George moving house before the conversation T / F
- c) Sarah thought that George had a dog before T / F
- d) George still thinks getting a big dog is a good idea. T / F

Question Tag Game

Step 1: Write down 3 statement about yourself that are *not true*.

Step 2: Give your false statements to a partner, and take their false statements and turn them into a question tag question. For example, if your partner writes down “I grew up in Italy” you should write down “You grew up in Italy, didn’t you?”

Step 3: Read you question tag questions to your partner, and they will politely correct you using the word “actually”. Feel free to continue the conversation from there.

Example Conversation:

Person 1: “You grew up in Italy, didn’t you?”

Person 2: “Actually I grew up in Greece.”

Person 1: “Ah I see, what’s the food like in Greece?” etc

False Statement 1:

False Statement 2:

False Statement 3:

Question Tag 1:

Question Tag 2:

Question Tag 3: