

# QUESTION TAGS

BUSINESS ENGLISH

# WHAT IS A QUESTION TAG?

**Helps you to confirm the information**

**To double-check something**

**It is the opposite form of the main sentence:**

If the sentence is positive, question tag is negative;

If the sentence is negative, question tag is positive

# PRESENT TENSES - QUESTION TAGS

**PRESENT SIMPLE** (auxiliary verb: DO/DOES)

Positive QT: Peter likes spaghetti, doesn't he?

Negative QT: They don't work at this company, do they?

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS** (auxiliary verb: AM/IS/ARE)

Positive QT: Jennifer is studying at the moment, isn't she?

Negative QT: We aren't walking, are we?

## PRESENT TENSES - QUESTION TAGS

**PRESENT PERFECT** (auxiliary verb: have/has)

Positive QT: Harry has lived in NY for a long time, hasn't he?

Negative QT: We haven't visited our friends in Chicago this year, have we?

## PAST TENSES – QUESTION TAGS

**PAST SIMPLE** (auxiliary verb: DID)

Positive QT: Jack bought a new house, didn't he?

Negative QT: I didn't leave my wallet at home, did I?

# PAST TENSES - QUESTION TAGS

**PAST CONTINUOUS** (auxiliary verb: WAS/WERE)

Positive QT: Andy was working when you arrived, wasn't he?

Negative QT: They weren't waiting for you, were they?

**PAST PERFECT** (auxiliary verb: HAD)

Positive QT: They had finished before he arrived, hadn't they?

Negative QT: Jason hadn't already finished before you provided the update, had he?

# FUTURE TENSES - QUESTION TAGS

**FUTURE SIMPLE - WILL** (auxiliary verb: WILL)

Positive QT: Tom will think about it, won't he?

Negative QT: They won't be able to come to the party, will they?

**FUTURE - GOING TO** (auxiliary verb: AM/IS/ARE)

Positive QT: Tom is going to study Russian, isn't he?

Negative QT: They aren't going to be at the meeting, are they?

## OTHER EXAMPLES WITH QUESTION TAG

**IMPERATIVE SENTENCES:** when telling/ordering somebody to do something or not to do something, use → WILL YOU

Example: Give me that file, will you?

**SENTENCES WITH 'I':**

Example: I am always right, AREN'T I? (NOT AMN'T I)



## WHAT TO WATCH FOR WHEN USING QUESTION TAG?

The TENSE of the sentence

The type of the main verb (TO BE or OTHER)

Is the sentence affirmative or negative?

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