



Question Tags

QUESTION TAGS - RULES AND EXAMPLES:

01. Question Tags will be 'negative' for positive sentences.

☞ Swathi is writing, isn't she?

02. Question Tags will be 'positive' for negative sentences.

☞ Raju is not going, is he?

03. If the 'verb' is singular in the main statement, the verb in the question tag must also be singular.

☞ Julie plays well, doesn't she?

04. If the 'verb' is plural in the main statement, the verb in the question tag must also be plural.

☞ They are poor, aren't they?

05. The question tag must match the tense of the main statement.

☞ They didn't write the exam, did they? (Past Tense)

☞ He sings well, doesn't he? (Present Tense)

☞ Sam will attend the conference, won't he? (Future Tense)



06. Quasi negatives like 'hardly', 'rarely', 'scarcely', and 'seldom' are followed by positive question tags.

☞ She rarely watch movies, does she?

07. Subjects like 'everybody', 'everyone', 'nobody' convey a plural idea. So we must use 'they' as subject in question tag.

☞ Everybody attended the party, didn't they?

08. Imperatives beginning with 'let me' are followed by question tags 'won't you?' or 'will you?'. 'Won't you?' express compliance and 'will you?' express polite request.

☞ Let me read the article, won't you? (expressing compliance)

☞ Let me read the article, will you? (polite request)

09. Imperatives beginning with 'just' are followed by the positive question tag 'will you?', especially when they express a polite request.

☞ Just wait outside, will you?

10. Imperatives beginning with 'let us' are followed by a positive question tag 'shall we?', especially when they express suggestion.

☞ Let us have dinner, shall we?



QUESTION TAGS EXERCISES

Question Tags Exercises | Question Tags Exercises with Answers:

Add appropriate Question Tags to complete the following Exercises on Question Tags/ Worksheet on Question Tags.

01. Raju will come, _____
02. Cars pollute the environment, _____
03. You can sing sweetly, _____
04. Raju was not at home, _____
05. Rani loves dance, _____
06. Close the door, _____
07. He speaks English very well, _____
08. Everyone was very intelligent, _____
09. You haven't bought a new mobile, _____
10. I am a student, _____
11. She broke her leg, _____
12. They won't lie, _____
13. You don't know the answer, _____
14. Let's discuss the problem, _____
15. Shruthi is not a student, _____



Answers:

01. Raju will come, **won't he?**
02. Cars pollute the environment, **don't they?**
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06. Close the door, **won't you?**
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08. Everyone was very intelligent, **weren't they?**
09. You haven't bought a new mobile, **have you?**
10. I am a student, **aren't I?**
11. She broke her leg, **didn't she?**
12. They won't lie, **will they?**
13. You don't know the answer, **do you?**
14. Let's discuss the problem, **shall we?**
15. Shruthi is not a student, **is she?**