

# 46 Asking for agreement

Use question tags in spoken English to encourage another person to agree with you, or to check that information is correct.

- ✿ **New language** Question tags
- ✿ **Vocabulary** Travel and leisure plans
- ✿ **New skill** Checking information

## 46.1 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTION TAGS

When you use question tags, a negative question tag follows a positive statement, and a positive question tag follows a negative statement. The verb that is used in the question tag depends on the verb that is used in the statement.

A present simple statement is followed by a question tag with the present simple form of "do."



PRESENT SIMPLE

Mel **plays** the violin, **doesn't she?**

QUESTION TAG

A past simple statement is followed by a question tag with the past simple form of "do."



PAST SIMPLE

John **studied** art, **didn't he?**

QUESTION TAG

A statement with an auxiliary verb is followed by a question tag with the same auxiliary verb.



AUXILIARY VERB

Auxiliary verb.

MAIN VERB

Main verb describes the action.

QUESTION TAG

You **haven't** seen my keys, **have you?**

Question tag uses the same auxiliary verb.

A statement with the verb "be" is followed by a question tag that also uses "be."



VERB "BE"

He **is** annoyed, **isn't he?**

QUESTION TAG





## 46.2 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Andy plays the piano, isn't he?

Andy plays the piano, doesn't he?

1 We haven't met, are we?

2 You walked the dog, don't you?

3 She cycles to work, hasn't she?

4 This book is amazing, doesn't it?



## 46.4 CHANGE THE QUESTIONS INTO SENTENCES WITH QUESTION TAGS, THEN SAY THEM OUT LOUD

Have you seen my pen?

*You haven't seen my pen, have you?*



1 Did Renata work in sales?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 Were you listening to me?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 Does he know the answer?

\_\_\_\_\_



## 46.3 ADD QUESTION TAGS TO THE SENTENCES

It's not very warm today, is it ?

1 Ben has gone to China, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

2 That was a good concert, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

3 You're not upset, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

4 She doesn't like cheese, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

5 You went to work today, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

6 They haven't eaten yet, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

7 Luis speaks English, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

8 Zoe is working late, \_\_\_\_\_ ?



4 Is the phone ringing?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 Was Will at the party?

\_\_\_\_\_

6 Was that a good book?

\_\_\_\_\_

7 Has Liam done the dishes?

\_\_\_\_\_

## 46.5 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTION TAGS WITH MODAL VERBS

Statements with modal verbs such as "could," "would," and "should" are followed by question tags that use the same modal verb.

MODAL VERB

Tim **should** be here by now, **shouldn't** he?

QUESTION TAG

Use the same modal verb in the statement and the question tag.



## 46.6 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTION TAGS WITH MODAL VERBS

I heard the house is haunted. We **shouldn't** be here, **should** we?



You **could** teach me to drive, **couldn't** you?



She **would** love this restaurant, **wouldn't** she?



## 46.7 ADD QUESTION TAGS TO THE SENTENCES

They couldn't come earlier, **could** they ?

- 1 You wouldn't go alone, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 He shouldn't eat so much, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3 We would love to go to your party, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 4 You could help me, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 She could stay with you, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 6 We should save some money, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 7 You wouldn't tell her, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 8 She shouldn't work so hard, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 9 You would like a snack, \_\_\_\_\_ ?



## 46.8 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Aman and Leta are packing for their vacation.

Aman forgot to pack the sun cream.

True  False

1 Leta packed their swimming things.

True  False

2 Aman thinks they need to take a gift.

True  False

3 Leta thinks Aman enjoys golf.

True  False

4 Aman doesn't want Leta to go hiking.

True  False

## 46.9 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, ADDING QUESTION TAGS

It's raining outside, isn't it ?



3

They should buy the house,        ?



1 He would enjoy this book,        ?



4

It isn't too cold here,        ?



2 He wouldn't let me try,        ?



5

She did tell you,        ?



### 46 ✓ CHECKLIST

Question tags

Aa Travel and leisure plans

Checking information

### REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 42–46

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
"MUST" AND "HAVE TO"	You <b>must</b> rest, or your leg won't heal. You <b>have to</b> rest, or your leg won't heal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	42.1
"MUST NOT" AND "DON'T HAVE TO"	You <b>must not</b> get your bandage wet. You <b>don't have to</b> come here again.	<input type="checkbox"/>	42.1
"MIGHT" AND "COULD"	John has a sore ankle. It <b>might</b> be broken. John has a sore ankle. It <b>could</b> be broken.	<input type="checkbox"/>	43.1
"MIGHT NOT" AND "COULD NOT"	It <b>might not</b> be a serious injury. His ankle was so sore that he <b>could not</b> walk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	43.1
"CAN," "COULD," AND "MAY"	Can I have some popcorn? / Could I sit here, please? May I take your coat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	44.1
THREE-WORD PHRASAL VERBS	He <b>looks up to</b> his brother.	<input type="checkbox"/>	45.1
QUESTION TAGS	Mel <b>plays</b> the violin, <b>doesn't she</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	46.1
QUESTION TAGS WITH MODAL VERBS	Tim <b>should</b> be here by now, <b>shouldn't he</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	46.5