**Question tags**

**1. Use**

frequently used in spoken English when you want someone to agree or disagree

**2. Form**

* positive statement → question tag negative → **You** **are** Tom, **aren't** **you**?
* negative statement → question tag positive → **He** **isn't** Joe, **is** **he**?

**3. Examples**

**3.1. with auxiliaries**

* **You've** got a car, **haven't** **you**?

**3.2. without auxiliaries *(don't, doesn't, didn't)***

* **They** **play** football on Sundays, **don't** **they**?
* **She** **plays** football on Sundays, **doesn't** **she**?
* **They** **played** football on Sundays, **didn't** **they**?

Questions tags are used to keep a conversation going. You can agree or refuse to a sentence with a question tag.

* Affirmative sentence: **He** **is** from Germany, **isn't** **he**?
* Negative sentence:**He isn't** from Germany, **is** **he**?

Possible answers are *Yes* or *No*. If you use ***Yes***, **do not use contracted forms**. If you use ***No***, **contracted form are possible**.

* Yes, **he** **is**.
* No, **he** **is** **not**. *or* No, **he** **isn't**. *or* No, **he's** **not**.

**4. Special points**

**4.1. Although the negative word not is not in the sentence, the sentence can be negative. Then we use the *positive* question tag.**

* **He** never goes out with his dog, **does** **he**?

**4.2. If have is a main verb in the sentence and refers to states, there are two possible sentences – We have a car, \_\_\_\_\_?**

* **We** **have** a car, **haven't** **we**? mostly British English
* **We** **have** a car, **don't** **we**? mostly American English

**4.3. Use *will/would* with imperatives (Simple Present).**

* Open the window, **will** **you**?
* Open the window, **would** **you**?
* Don't open your books, **will** **you**?

**4.4. We use *won't* with a polite request.**

* Open the window, **won't** **you**?

**4.5. We use shall after *Let's*.**

* Let's take the next bus, **shall** **we**?

**4.6. Auxiliary *must***

We **must** be at home at 8 pm, **mustn't** **we**?

* Yes, **we** **must**.
* No, **we** **needn't**.

**4.7. Personal pronoun *I***

**I** **am** late, **aren't** **I**?

This form is commonly used (mostly informal). It is because there is no contracted form for **am** + **not** (**~~amn't~~**). Grammatically correct would be: **am** **I** **not**. This is only used in formal situations.

[Question tags in English](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/qu_tags.htm)

أعلى النموذج

1. He sometimes reads the newspaper,                       
2. You are Indian,                       
3. They had a nice weekend,                       
4. Peggy didn't use the pencil,                       
5. Mary has answered the teacher's question,                       
6. The boy is from Turkey,                       
7. Sue wasn't listening,                       
8. Andrew isn't sleeping,                       
9. Tom and Maria will arrive at Heathrow,                       
10. She has a brother,                       

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1. He's been to Texas,                       
2. Dogs like meat,                       
3. There are some apples left,                       
4. I'm late,                       
5. Let's go,                       
6. Don't smoke,                       
7. He does sing in the bathroom,                       
8. He'll never know,                       
9. I think he's from India,                       
10. Lovely day today, isn’t it ?

أسفل النموذج