

# Question Tags

We use question tags /tag question to ask for confirmation. While using a question tag, we add an interrogative fragment a question tag after a statement. The statement can be declarative or imperative. In the interrogative fragment, we use the pronoun of the subject after the verb.

## Statement

They are playing cricket in the ground,

He left the place without informing us,

## Interrogative Fragment

aren't they?

didn't he?

**When the statement is negative, we use a positive question and when the statement is positive, we make a negative question. For examples,**

He is not a good doctor, is he? (Negative Statement + Positive Question)

Henry has solved the problem, hasn't he? (Positive Statement + Negative Question)

**If the statement contains an auxiliary verb, we use the auxiliary verb while making a question tag.**

My friends will help me, won't they?

The girl has decorated the place, hasn't she?

**When there is no auxiliary verb in the statement, we use don't/doesn't/didn't in the interrogative fragment. When the statement is in present tense, we write don't/doesn't according to the subject and when the statement is past tense, we use didn't.**

They like me, don't they? (Present Tense)

The moon shines at night, doesn't it? (Present Tense)

My grandfather helped the man, didn't he? (Past Tense)

**If everyone/ everybody/ someone/ somebody/none/ no one/ nobody is a subject of a statement, we write they as their pronoun in the interrogative fragment where according to the pronoun, we place a verb.**

Everybody supports me, don't they?

Everyone understood the fact, didn't they?

None believes a liar, do they?

No one helped me, did they?

When everything/ anything/ something/nothing is a subject of a statement, we write it as their pronoun in the interrogative fragment where according to the pronoun, we place a verb.

Everything is clear here, isn't it?

Nothing is certain, is it?

Some words which express negative meaning. These words are hardly, rarely, barely, scarcely, etc. While making a question tag, we consider them.

He hardly comes here, does he?

A barking dog seldom bites, does it?

When a statement is imperative, we use 'will you or won't you' in the question fragment.

Give me a chance, will you?

Don't disturb me, will you?

If an imperative sentence starts with 'let's/let us', we use 'shall we' as a question tag.

Let's play cricket, shall we?

Let us discuss the topic, shall we?

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