

Tag Question (Part 1)

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Tag Question

- **We use Question Tags to ask for confirmation after a statement by adding an interrogative fragment. 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, aren't they?

He left the place without informing us, didn't he?

Interrogative Fragment

Rule 1

- When a statement is negative, we use a positive question and when a 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)

Rule 2

- 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 in 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)

Rule 3

- 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?

Rule 4

- 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?