

Question Tags

Definition of Question Tags

Question tags are not complete questions by themselves. They are short questions attached to statements, used to confirm the statement or to seek the listener's attention.

Types of Question Tags

Positive Question Tags

Positive question tags are added to negative statements.

Examples:

- "She is not working, is she?"
 - Negative statement: "She is not working"
 - Positive tag: "is she?"
- "They had not gone there, had they?"
 - Negative statement: "They had not gone there"
 - Positive tag: "had they?"

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Negative Question Tags

Negative question tags are added to positive statements.

Examples:

- "We are reading, aren't we?"
 - Positive statement: "We are reading"
 - Negative tag: "aren't we?"
- "You will do this job, won't you?"
 - Positive statement: "You will do this job"
 - Negative tag: "won't you?"

Note

- Positive statements are followed by negative tags.

- Negative statements are followed by positive tags.

Structure of Question Tags

Structure of a Positive Tag

- Auxiliary + Subject + ?

Structure of a Negative Tag

- Auxiliary + not + Subject + ?

