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Let's know what QUESTION TAGS are





A question tag (also known as tail question) is a grammatical structure in which a declarative or an imperative statement is turned into interrogative fragment (the "tag"). For example, in the sentence "You're John, aren't you?", the statement "You're John" is turned into a question by the tag "aren't you"

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The sentence and the question tag must be in the same tense.

For negative question tag, use the Contracted form of 'helping verb 'and 'not' .E.g. didn't, hadn't, won't etc.
 If the Sentence is positive, the question tag must be negative and

vice versa.

Always use pronoun in the question tag.





- Rule-1: Some words are negative in meaning . For
- e.g. hardly, seldom, scarcely, rarely, barely etc. Hence they will take positive question tag after them.

Ex:

- > He hardly does any work, does he?
- He found barely anything to eat , did he?
- He is seldom absent, is he?s



- Rule-2: If a sentence starts with "There", the question tag will have "there" in the place of pronoun. Ex: There is no water , is there?
- There were no good schools in the town, were there?
- **Rule-3:** Question tag is always made in accordance with the main part of the sentence.
- Ex: I think, he is right, isn't he?



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Rule- 4 : There is no contracted form of 'am not' but 'aren't' is used in question tag.

Ex: I am fine, aren't I?

Rule-5 : Each, every, everyone, everybody, no one, nobody, none are singular and hence will take singular verb/ singular pronoun/ singular adjective with them but their question tag will take plural verb and plural pronoun.

Ex: Everyone has come, hasn't he (Incorrect)

Everyone has come, haven't they (correct) None of your friends like her. do they (correct)



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- **Rule-6:** If the sentence starts with "let us/ let's ", " shall we" is used in the question.
- **Ex:** Let us go to party tonight, shall we?
- **Rule-7:** In Imperative sentences, question tag 'won't you' is used.
- **Ex:** Come in, won't you?
- **Rule-8:** Collective noun takes singular verb and singular pronoun in question tag.
- **Ex:** The jury has taken its decision, hasn't it?



- Rule-9: If we talk about the individual members of the collective noun or if there is a difference in opinion among the members of the collective noun, plural verb and plural pronoun are used.
- Ex: The committee are divided in their opinion, aren't they? The audience have taken their seats, haven't they?

Rule-10: If in a imperative sentence, somebody is being offered anything, or if someone is being asked to do something, "will you/ would you" is used in the question tag. Ex: Open the door, would you? Have some more tea, would you?



Q1. Which one of the following is the appropriate question tag in the sentence,

"Take a seat,
(a) shall you?
(b) can't you?
(c) won't you?
(d) would you?







Q2. "Anyone can make mistakes,

(a) isn't it?
(b) shall they?
(c) can't they?
(d) is it?



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Q3. It'll rain soon,
(A) won't it
(B) bought it
(C) isn't it
(D) may it









Q4. They needn't worry ?? (A) isn't it (B) doesn't it (C) don't it (D) need they

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Q5. None of the food was wasted , ? (A)wasn't it (B) was it (C) weren't it (D) were it







Q6. The hotel was not too expensive?
(A)was it?
(B) wasn't it?
(C) is it ?
(D) isn't it?

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Q7. Your father used to be the principal of this college,

(A) did he?
(B) does he ?
(C) didn't he?
(D) doesn't he?









Q8. I am very happy today,....?
(A) Aren't I
(B) Are I
(C) Am I
(D) Are not I

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Q9. They fought bravely for the freedom of the country.....?

(A) did they

(B) don't they

(C) didn't they(D) does he

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Q10. The mob has killed the thief, ? (A) haven't it (B) hasn't it (C) has it (D) isn't it

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