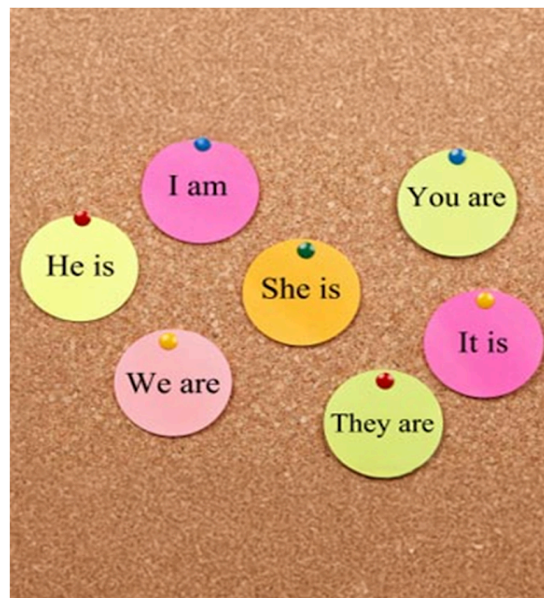


# English Grammar

## STUDY NOTES

### Question tags (II)



## Question Tags II

- **Collective nouns are used as singular forms. In their question tag, singular verbs and singular pronouns are used.**

Example

The **board** has taken its decision, **hasn't it?**

- **But the collective noun differs in its opinion, or we discuss every member of the collective noun, then plural verb and plural pronoun are used**

Example

The board are divided in their opinion, **aren't they?**

The audience have taken their seats, **haven't they?**

- **If a sentence starts with “let us/ let’s” then in the question tag “shall we” is used.**

Example

Let us start the game, shall we?

- **In the imperative sentences, “won’t you” is used in a question tag.**

[Imperative sentences are commands, requests, or instructions. They give direct orders or ask someone to do something. Typically, they start with a verb and have no subject, as the subject (“you”) is implied.

For example, “Close the door,” “Please sit down,” or “Follow the instructions.”]

Example

Keep quiet, won't you?

- **If we want someone to do some work, or we are offering something, then “will you/ would you” is used in the question tag.**

Example

Open the door, would you?

Have some more pizza, would you?

- **In a negative imperative sentence, “will you” is used in the question tag**

Example

Don't close the window, will you?

- **In any sentence, “there” acts as a subject, then the verb followed by the main sentence will be used in the question tag.**

Example

There is no electricity, is there?

There were no good colleges in the village, were there?

There are a few honest politicians, aren't there?

- **The tag must be used according to the verb in the main clause.**

Example

I think he won't attend class today, will he?

If I go to the market, I will buy a new shirt, won't I?

- **In the question tag of any affirmative imperative sentence, “will you and won't you” both are used**

Example

Switch on the radio, won't you?

Switch on the radio, will you?

Please give me some money, won't you?

Please give me some money, will you?

- **The question tag of a negative imperative sentence is “will you”**

Example

Don't close the door, will you?

Don't go outside, will you?

- **If an affirmative imperative sentence implies to express more urgency, then in question tag “won't you” is used.**

Example

Remember to switch off the lights, won't you?

Be careful while crossing the road, won't you?

- **If an imperative sentence is intended to scold or admonish someone or reprimand someone, then “can't you” is used in the question tag.**

Example

Use your own mind, can't you?

- **If any imperative sentence starts with “let me/ him/ her/ them/ Ram/ Shyam/ Rahul or any name” then “will you” is used in the question tag.**

Example

Let him finish his task, will you?

Let me do my study, will you?

Let Sachin play football, will you?

- **If any sentence has “used to”, then in the question tag “didn’t” is used.**

Example

They used to play cricket here, didn’t they?

He used to go to a club after the job, didn’t he?

- **If in any sentence, “dare and need” acts as a main verb, then**

Example

He needs your notebook, doesn’t he?

You don’t dare to go outside, do you?

I do not need your opinion, do I?

She will need my help, won’t she?

I will need nothing, will I?

- **If any sentence has “dare not/daren’t” or “need not/ needn’t” as marginal auxiliary verbs, then in the question tag “need/dare” will be used.**

Example

You needn’t go there, need you?

You daren’t play with fire, dare you?

- **The negative contracted form of “I am not” is “aren’t”. But the positive question tag for “I am not” will be “Am I”**

Example

Incorrect - I am your best friend, amn’t I?

Correct - I am your best friend, aren’t I?

Correct - I am not your best friend, am I?

- **In any sentence “everything, something, anything or nothing” acts as a subject, then in the question tag “it” is used instead of “they”**

Example

Anything can be possible for them, can’t it?

Nothing is genuine, is it?

Everything looks beautiful, doesn’t it?

Something has to be done, hasn’t it?

### Examples for Practice:

- They’ve met before, \_\_\_\_\_?

- She won't mind if I go, \_\_\_\_\_?
- She never came again, \_\_\_\_\_?
- You like coffee, \_\_\_\_\_?
- He's a doctor, \_\_\_\_\_?
- Nobody likes to be insulted, \_\_\_\_\_?
- So, you are the manager here, \_\_\_\_\_?
- Let's get started on the project, \_\_\_\_\_?
- I'm next in line, \_\_\_\_\_?
- There's nothing left to do, \_\_\_\_\_?

### Answers

- haven't they?
- will she?
- did she?
- don't you?
- isn't he?
- do they?
- aren't you?
- shall we?
- aren't I?
- is there?

