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| **Lesson Title:** Question Tags | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-143 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcome**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to improve your ability to add question tags to both positive and negative statements. | | | |

**Overview**

A **question tag** is a short question added to a statement. If the statement is positive, the question tag is negative. If the statement is negative, the question tag is positive. For example:

* You can speak French, can’t you?
* You can’t speak German, can you?

Question tags have other rules. Here are a few:

* When the statements do not have **auxiliary verbs**, the question tags must use ‘do’. Auxiliary verbs are also called helping verbs. Common auxiliary verbs are ‘be’, ‘do’, ‘have’, ‘can’ and ‘will’.
* The two girls went to the market, **didn’t** they?
* You enjoy soccer, **don’t** you?
* When statements have ‘nobody’ as the subject, the question tag uses ‘they’.
  + Nobody understands the rules, do **they**?
* ‘I am’ always has the tag ‘aren’t I?’
  + I am a good person, **aren’t I**?
* ‘Used to’ usually has the question tag ‘did’.
  + You used to play chess, **didn’t** you?
* When ‘let us’ or ‘let’s’ is used, the question tag is ‘shall’.
  + Let’s forget this ever happened, **shall** we?
* When ‘do’ or ‘don’t’ is used, the question tag is ‘will’ or ‘won’t’.
  + Do be nice to your sister, **won’t** you?
  + Don’t forget to write, **will** you?
* When ‘there’ is used, the subject of the question tag is also ‘there’.
  + There is nothing left to say, is **there**?

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Choose the best question tag to complete the following sentences from the multiple-choice options provided.

1. You don’t like this film, \_\_\_\_\_\_ you?
   1. don’t
   2. do
   3. does
   4. doesn’t
2. My brother is reading in his bedroom, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he?
   1. isn’t
   2. is
   3. is my brother
   4. are
3. This math solution is impossible, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?
   1. isn’t it
   2. is it
   3. is the solution
   4. aren’t it
4. They dislike doing their homework, \_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. do they
   2. did they
   3. didn’t they
   4. don’t they
5. I am singing beautifully, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. am I
   2. don’t I
   3. aren’t I
   4. do I
6. My niece will visit her grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
   1. will she
   2. won’t they
   3. doesn’t she
   4. won’t she

**Activity 2**

Complete the following sentences with the correct question tag.

1. The car isn’t in the parking spot, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
2. You are Mari, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
3. I was lazy last night, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
4. We won’t get in trouble, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
5. People still enjoy their music, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
6. That new song is great, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**Activity 3**

Find and correct the mistakes in the question tags in the sentences below.

1. They live in Liberia, do they?
2. She didn’t buy the beans, did her?
3. He can’t run very fast, doesn’t he?
4. They already started playing, don’t they?
5. It’s time to leave, aren’t it?

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**Activity 1**

1. b 2. a 3. a 4. d 5; c 6. d

**Activity 2**

1. is it 2. aren’t you 3. wasn’t I 4. will we 5. don’t they 6. isn’t it

**Activity 3**

1. They live in Liberia, **don’t they**?
2. She didn’t buy the beans, **did she**?
3. He can’t run very fast, **can he**?
4. They already started playing, di**dn’t they**?
5. It’s time to leave, **isn’t it**?