

# Using Question Tags

Giving opinions

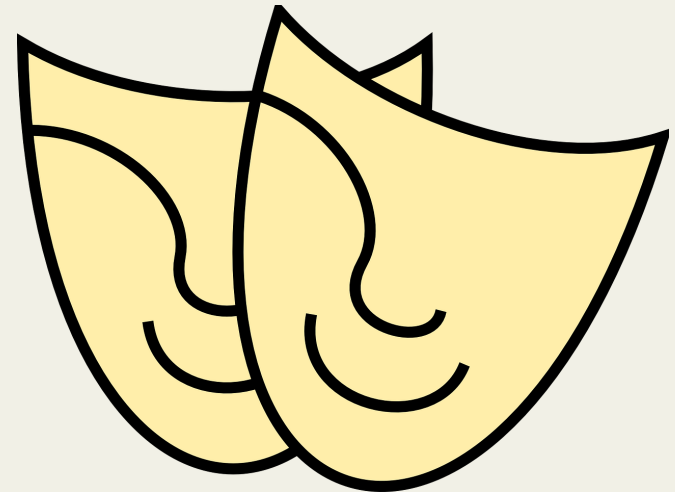


# Let's talk about music, films, food, etc:

Study the conversations.

1. A: What kind of films do you like?

B: I like comedies. I think most people like  
them, **don't they?**



A: Yes, they do, but not all . Some people prefer  
an action movie . I think it is more exciting, **isn't it?**

And sometimes laughing too much is nonsense, **isn't it?**

B: Laughing a lot makes you healthy, **doesn't it?**

A. Oh, really!



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2. A: Not many people have hobbies, **do they?**

B: No, they don't. There isn't enough time for  
them to relax, **is there?**



A: No, there isn't, but why?

B: I think because they work too hard.

They shouldn't spend too much time on work only, **should they?**

A: If people have hobbies, they will be relaxed.

They won't get bored in life, **will they?**

# Use of Question Tags

- Question tags are short questions at the end of statements.
- They are mainly used in speech when we want to:
  - **confirm that something is true or not**, or
  - **to encourage a reply** from the person we are speaking to.



# USE of QUESTION TAGS

A **positive** statement is followed by a **negative** question tag.

- Jack **is** from Spain, **isn't he**?
- Mary **can** speak English, **can't she**?

A **negative** statement is followed by a **positive** question tag.

- They **aren't** funny, **are** they?
- He **shouldn't** say things like that, **should** he?

## Exceptions

Some verbs / expressions have different question tags. For example:

**I am** - I am attractive, **aren't** I?

**Positive imperative** - Stop daydreaming, **will / won't** you?

**Negative imperative** - Don't stop singing, **will** you?

**Let's** - Let's go to the beach, **shall** we?





**Have got (possession) - He has got a car, **hasn't** he?**

**There is / are- There aren't any spiders in the bedroom, **are there?****

**This / that is - This is Paul's pen, **isn't** it?**



## Practice

1. She's from a small town in China, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. They aren't on their way already, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. We're late again, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. I'm not the person with the tickets, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Julie isn't an accountant, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. The weather is really bad today, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

7. He's very handsome, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

8. They aren't in Mumbai at the moment, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

9. You aren't from Brazil, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

10. John's a very good student, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

11. I like chocolate very much, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
12. She doesn't work in a hotel, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
13. They need some new clothes, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
14. We live in a tiny flat, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
15. She studies very hard every night, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
16. David and Julie don't take Chinese classes, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

17. I often come home late, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

18. You don't like spicy food, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

19. She doesn't cook very often, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

20. We don't watch much TV, \_\_\_\_\_ ?



# Question Tags - Mixed Tenses

Choose the correct word in the boxes below.

wasn't	did	didn't	have	haven't	hasn't
isn't	aren't	does	doesn't	will	won't

**1** She takes her dog for a walk every morning,  
\_\_\_\_\_ she?

**2** You'll come, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

**3** We are buying the red car, \_\_\_\_\_ we?

**4** They have a cat, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

**5** It's a lovely day, \_\_\_\_\_ it?

<b>6</b>	<b>Many people hardly come to work early on Monday, _____ they?</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>The party didn't finish until 3 in the morning, _____ it?</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Matt is never late for his maths class, _____ he?</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>I am happy with my new class, _____ I?</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>I am not like my mom, _____ I?</b>



<b>11</b>	<b>There were a lot of people at the beach, _____ there?</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>I have met you before, _____ I?</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>He jumped over the fence, _____ he?</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Those students are rarely willing to come to my class, _____ they?</b>

