



2nd semester

Topic 9: Questions, question tags, indirect questions

Tag Questions

Question tags are used in English at the end of statements to ask for confirmation. They mean something like, *Am I right? or Do you agree?* Question tags are mini-questions tagged on to longer sentences. They are very common in English.

*You aren't from Minas, **are you?***

The basic structure is:

+ Positive statement
- Negative statement

Negative tag -
Positive tag +

Indirect Questions using **wh-words**

FORMULA:

① **Introductory phrase** + ② **question word** (*what, when, where, why, which...*) + ③ **subordinate clause** (positive sentence structure)

Direct question: *Where can I find El Prado Museum?*

Could you tell me **where** I can find El Prado Museum?

↓
*Introductory
phrase*

↓
*question
word*

↓
*subordinate
clause*

When using an indirect question, use an introductory phrase followed by the question itself in **positive sentence structure**.

Positive verb, negative tag	Negative verb, positive tag
It's cold today, isn't it?	She isn't here, is she?
They live in Ankara, don't they?	They don't smoke, do they?
She worked in a bank, didn't she?	You didn't like the film, did you?
We've met before , haven't we?	She hasn't been to Paris, has she?
You will be ok, wont you?	You won't come, will you?

Add the tag questions:

1. She is 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 Rome 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, _____?



Add the correct question tags to these questions.

- 1 He always forgets his homework, *doesn't he*?
- 2 The teachers didn't see me,?
- 3 You would like to come with us,?
- 4 I've got plenty of time,?
- 5 Let's have another coffee,?
- 6 It couldn't possibly rain,?
- 7 Those men played really well,?
- 8 Molly will have to tell the truth,?
- 9 We can't stop here,?
- 10 You promise you'll never tell anyone,?

Exercises: Write indirect questions.

1. Where does your sister study?

2. Where do your friends go?

3. When does the pharmacy open?

4. When is Alice's party?

5. When do you relax?
