

Question Tag

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Question Tag

- ❖ A Question Tag is an art of making a Question + Acceptance.

Ex.:- Ram is a dancer, isn't he?

- ❖ A Question Tag sentence has two Parts in uses - (a) Statement & (b) Question.

Ex.:- Ram is a dancer, isn't he?

Statement

Question

➤ Note

- किसी Question Tag Sentence में Question Marks (?) का होना अति आवश्यक होता है।
- किसी Question Tag Sentence में Question Part का शुरुआत सदा सदा Small letter से होना चाहिए।
- किसी Question Tag Sentence के Question Part में Interro-Negative Sense रहने पर A.V तथा Not का संक्षिप्त रूप रहना चाहिए।
- ध्यान रहे कि किसी Question Tag Sentence के Question Part का Subject कभी Noun के रूप में नहीं आता, वह Statement के Subject के अनुसार Pronoun रूप में होता है।

➤ Rules & Uses

- ❖ If the statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence is Affirmative, the Question Part is written Interro-Negative.

Ex.:- Ram is a dancer, is he? – (✗)

➤ Ram is a dancer, isn't he? – (✓)

- ❖ If the Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence is Negative, the Question Part is written Interro-Affirmative.

Ex.:- Ram is not a dancer, isn't he? – (✗)

➤ Ram is not a dancer, is he? – (✓)

- ❖ This / That as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'It' in Question Part.

Ex.:- This is a new car. Isn't this? – (✗)

➤ This is a new car, isn't it? – (✓)

- ❖ This / That + Noun as the Subject of Statement Part gets Pronoun in Question Part according to the Noun.

Ex.:- (a) This Boy is honest, isn't he? – (✓)

(b) This Pen is red, isn't it? – (✓)

- ❖ These / Those as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'they' in Question Part.

Ex.:- These are new cars, aren't these? – (✗)

➤ These are new cars, aren't they? – (✓)

- ❖ One (In sense of everybody / anybody) as the Subject of Statement part is changed into 'we / they' in Question Part.

Ex.:- One can do this work, can't one? – (✗)

➤ One can do this work, can't we / they? – (✓)

- ❖ An Indefinite Pronoun ending with One / body as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'they' in Question Part.

Ex.:- Someone is calling you, isn't someone? – (✗)

➤ Someone is calling you, aren't they? – (✓)

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- ❖ An Indefinite Pronoun ending with thing as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'it' in Question Part.
Ex.-: Something is burning, isn't something? – (✗)
➤ Something is burning, isn't it? – (✓)
- ❖ of us as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'we' in Question Part.
Ex.-: Some of us are very intelligent, aren't we? – (✓)
- ❖ Of you as the Subject of Statement Part is changed into 'you' in Question Part.
Ex.-: Some of you are very intelligent, aren't you? – (✓)
- ❖ If the Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence has Subject 'I', Verb 'am' and Sentence Affirmative the Question Part is written 'aren't I?'
Ex.-: I am a dancer, amn't I? – (✗)
➤ I am a dancer, aren't I? – (✓)
- ❖ If the Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence has Subject 'I', Verb 'am' and Sentence Negative the Question Part is written 'am I?'
Ex.-: I am not a dancer, am I? – (✓)
- ❖ If the Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence has Subject 'I', Verb 'was' and Sentence Affirmative the Question Part is written 'weren't I?'
Ex.-: I was a dancer, weren't I? – (✓)
- ❖ If the Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence has Subject 'I', Verb 'was' and Sentence Negative the Question Part is written 'was I?'
Ex.-: I was not a dancer, was I? – (✓)
- ❖ The Statement Part of a Question Tag Sentence without Auxiliary Verb gets Question Part with the help of 'do / does / did'.
Ex.-: (a) Mohan plays cricket, doesn't he? – (✓)
(b) He bought a car, didn't he? – (✓)
- ❖ If 'Need' or 'Dare' works as Auxiliary Verb in Statement Part, gets Question Part with the help of 'need / dare'.
Ex.-: I need not buy a car, need I? – (✓)
- ❖ If 'Need' or 'Dare' works as main Verb in Statement Part, gets Question Part with the help of 'do / does / did'.
Ex.-: I need to buy a car, don't I? – (✓)
- ❖ Order – v1 + Object, can you? / can't you?
Ex.-: Bring a chair for me, can you? – (✓)
- ❖ Prohibition – Don't / Never + v1 + Object, will you?
Ex.-: Don't touch this wire, will you? – (✓)
- ❖ Advice – v1 + Object, should you? / shouldn't you?
Ex.-: Take a regular exercise for good health, shouldn't you?
- ❖ Wish / Proposal – Let + O+ v1, will + Subject? / won't + Subject?
Ex.-: Let us play cricket, won't we?
- ❖ कुछ Words अपने आप में ही Negative Sense रखते हैं, अतः Statement Part में उनकी मौजूदगी रहने पर उसका Question Part सदा-सदा Interro-Affirmative रहता है।
- ❖ [Few/ Little / Hardly / Scarcely / Barely / No one / No body / Nothing / No / Not / Never / Neither / No Sooner ...etc.]

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- Ex.:- (i) I have little money, haven't I? – (✗)
➤ I have little money, have I? – (✓)
- (ii) He could hardly solve the Question, couldn't he? – (✗)
➤ He could hardly solve the Question, could he? – (✓)

Question Tag chapter is the End.

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