

## THE BASICS OF TAG QUESTIONS

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.

Question tags are formed with the auxiliary or modal verb from the statement and the appropriate subject.

**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?

**When the verb in the main sentence is in the present simple we form the question tag with do / does.**

- You play the guitar, don't you?
- Alison likes tennis, doesn't she?

**If the verb is in the past simple we use did.**

- They went to the cinema, didn't they?
- She studied in New Zealand, didn't she?

**When the statement contains a word with a negative meaning, the question tag needs to be positive**

- He hardly ever speaks, does he?
- They rarely eat in restaurants, do they?



### Add the tag questions: TEST 1

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, \_\_\_\_\_?

### Add the tag questions: TEST 2

1. I like chocolate very much, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. She doesn't work in a hotel, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. They need some new clothes, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. We live in a tiny flat, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. She studies very hard every night, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. David and Julie don't take Chinese classes, \_\_\_\_\_?
7. I often come home late, \_\_\_\_\_?
8. You don't like spicy food, \_\_\_\_\_?
9. She doesn't cook very often, \_\_\_\_\_?
10. We don't watch much TV, \_\_\_\_\_?

### Fill-in the gaps with either present simple or Present continuous tense

1. You can't see Tom now. He \_\_\_\_\_ a bath. (have)
2. He usually \_\_\_\_\_ coffee, but today he \_\_\_\_\_ tea. (drink, drink)
3. I won't go out now because it \_\_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella. (rain, not have)
4. In Spain women usually \_\_\_\_\_ hats. (not wear)
5. Who \_\_\_\_\_ that terrible noise? It is John. He \_\_\_\_\_ his nose. (make, blow)
6. My dentist always keeps \_\_\_\_\_ me to clean my teeth. I hate that. (tell)
7. He never \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre. (go)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend in Paris. I \_\_\_\_\_ there nearly every week. (spend, go)
9. My wife always keeps \_\_\_\_\_ for more money at the end of the week. (ask)
10. Who \_\_\_\_\_ to on the phone? (you speak)

### CHECK YOUR TENSE SKILL TEST 2

1. Anne \_\_\_\_\_ all her clothes. At the moment she \_\_\_\_\_ a dress for herself. (make, make)
2. What's that smell? Something \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen. (burn)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ overtime this month because I \_\_\_\_\_ up to buy a new car. (work, save)
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ thirty cigarettes a day but at the moment he \_\_\_\_\_ very hard to stop. (smoke, try)
5. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the east and \_\_\_\_\_ in the west. (rise, set)
6. She usually \_\_\_\_\_ languages very fast but she \_\_\_\_\_ problems with Chinese at the moment. (learn, have)
7. He never \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre. (go)
8. Do \_\_\_\_\_ television every night? (you watch)
9. He always \_\_\_\_\_ his bills on time. (pay)
10. My father usually \_\_\_\_\_ his breakfast at eight. (eat)

### 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?

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue



### ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MARCH 19, 2018)

- (1).KEY: 1. about 2. for - with 3. about 4. on 5. of 6. for 7. for 8. to 9. for 10. of  
(2).KEY: 1. round 2. by 3. by - on 4. through 5. in - to 6. in 7. in 8. by - about 9. from - to 10. in - in - with  
(3).KEY: 1. at 2. at 3. at 4. at 5. in 6. at 7. in 8. on 9. on 10. in  
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KEY: 1 I didn't he 2 isn't she 3 do they 4 aren't I 5 shall we 6 did they 7 can you 8 won't you

KEY:  
I am interested in learning to cook.  
You don't look happy to see me.  
I am anxious for her to get a good job.  
It is important that everybody should feel comfortable.  
He is a difficult person to work with.  
It was so warm a day that I could hardly work.  
The Irish are very proud of their sense of humor.  
We have been living here since about eight years ago.  
All that happened was that he went to sleep.  
Even though I didn't understand a word, I kept smiling.  
We will have to put off our visit to Scotland.

KEY:  
Climatic changes have become more prominent now because of the global warming which is a global concern. Both are hot issues of the current time and it is the time to analyse causes and prevention methods to prevent the global warming. The release of various green house gases in the atmosphere by many natural means and human activities causes increase in atmospheric temperature because such gases have capability to absorb all the heat of environment from sun, burning coal, etc. Such gases never let sun rays to go back to the atmosphere however trap heat from them.

Increase in atmospheric temperature causes many climate changes like increase in sea level, flood, drought, weather changes, increase summer season, decrease winter season, melting glaciers, increase death rate, increase number of disease, declining ozone layer and other so many climate changes. Fossil fuels burning release more carbon dioxide which is increasing day by day because of deforestation. Plants are the main source to utilize carbon dioxide as a food however we are disturbing the natural cycle by cutting more plants.

Burning coal, oil and natural gases are the main cause of global warming. CO2 gas acts as a blanket which retains environmental heat and warms the earth's surface. The level of carbon dioxide has become increased to a great level in last century. The earth surface has become successively warmer than ever in the last three decades. Each month is becoming warmer than ever which we can feel very clearly. This increasing heat affecting the lives of human beings, plants and animals even many species have been endangered.

From your reading of the passage given below, fill-in the blanks with suitable words from the box:



- formed
- because
- greatest
- on
- got
- used
- it
- between
- car
- mad
- all
- written
- Together

Sir Paul McCartney is probably the most famous pop musician of the 20th century. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with John Lennon he formed the Beatles, and since their break-up has had a long solo career. Altogether he has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ over 500 songs including Yesterday, the most played song of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ time. He has recently also written a classical piece called Standing Stone which was premiered in 1997. His wife Linda died of cancer in 1998. He has four children.

When did you and John Lennon meet? 'In 1957 when I was 15 and he was 16 and we were both still at school. We had a lot in common, we were both (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about music and we both lost our mothers when we were teenagers. My mother had died of cancer the year before and John's mum was run over by a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a year after we'd met. So there was always that special bond (6) \_\_\_\_\_ us.'

When did you and John begin to write songs together? '(7) \_\_\_\_\_ was when I was still at school and John was at art college. We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to write at my house in the afternoon when my dad was working. We had about three hours before my dad (9) \_\_\_\_\_ home. John had a second-hand guitar and I played a bit (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the piano. We had an old school notebook and I used to write at the top of the page A Lennon and McCartney original. We always said to each other that we'd be the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ songwriting team in the world, which is funny (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that's exactly what we became. We (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the Beatles in 1960.'

### Read the passage and then answer the following questions:



Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a huge cemetery hidden under the sands south of Cairo. The 2,000-year-old necropolis was found south of Minya. The word necropolis is from ancient Greek and means "city of the dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts, including coffins and site late last year. The ancient god of writing, Minister, Khaled need at least five necropolis. This is new discovery." Mostafa Waziri, the logical dig, said he the contents of the site. He said he and his colleagues have uncovered eight tombs so far. He expects many more to be found soon. The tombs contain a wealth of historic treasures. One tomb includes more than 1,000 statues and four pottery jars that contain the remains of the internal organs of important ancient Egyptians. Mr Waziri also said there were 40 sarcophagi. A sarcophagus is a stone coffin in which dead bodies were placed. Waziri hopes the new site will help to attract more tourists to Egypt. There has been a downturn in tourism since the revolution that took place there in 2011.



### Tick whether the following statements are TRUE / FALSE ?

- a. A large cemetery was found under the sand north of the city of Cairo. T / F
- b. The cemetery is about 2,000 years old. T / F
- c. Archaeologists first started digging on the site in 2011. T / F
- d. An Archaeologist said he needs 50 years to work on the site. T / F
- e. The head of the dig said 80 tombs have been discovered. T / F
- f. There were over 1,000 statues in one tomb. T / F
- g. Archaeologists found the remains of people's internal organs in jars. T / F
- h. Tourism is suffering in Egypt because of the 2011 revolution. T / F

1. How old is the necropolis?
2. What ancient language does the word 'necropolis' come from?
3. When did archaeologists start digging on the site?
4. What do people believe Thoth invented?
5. What did a minister say was just beginning?
6. How many tombs have the archaeologists uncovered so far?
7. How many statues did archaeologists find in one tomb?
8. Where did archaeologists find the internal remains of ancient Egyptians?
9. What is a sarcophagus usually made of?
10. What has there been a downturn of in Egypt since 2011?

