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THE BASICS OF TAG QUESTIONS

You are hungry...

Aren't you?

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

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?

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



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)

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 Egypt's capital in the Nile Valley city of



means "city of the including coffins and site late last year. the ancient god of inventor of writing. Minister, Khaled need at least five necropolis. This is new discovery."

Mostafa Waziri, the logical dig, said he

They found tombs belonging to priests of Thoth. He was the moon and wisdom. Thoth was also believed to be the Antiquities Egypt's al-Anani, said: "We will years to work on the only the beginning of a

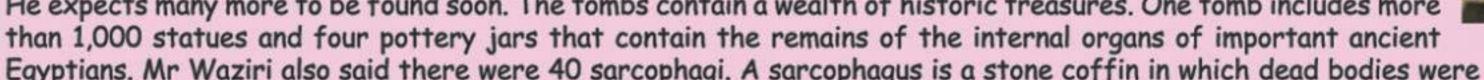
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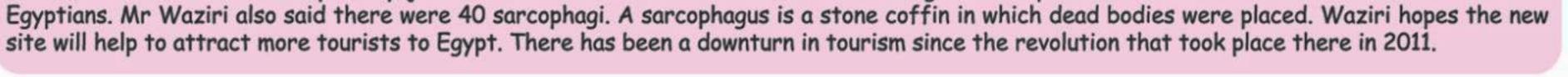
dead". The necropolis contains thousands of artifacts,

statues. Archaeologists started excavation work on the

head of the archaeowas very excited about

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





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

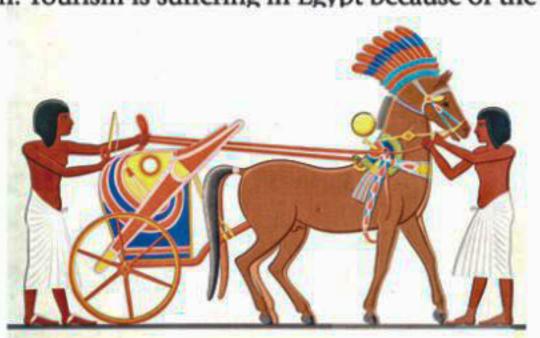
b. The cemetery is about 2,000 years old. T / F

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?

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 KEY: (1) the (2) the (3) the (4) the (5) 0 (6) the (7) the (8) the (9) the (10) the (11) 0 (12) the (13) the (14) a (15) the (16) the (17) the (18) a (19) a (20) a (21) A (22) the (23) the (24) a (25) a (26) an (27) the (28) an (29) a (30) The (31) an (32) a (33) an (34) a (35) 0 (36) a (37) the (38) the (39) the (40) the (41) the

KEY: 1 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

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.

We will have to put off our visit to Scotland.

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.

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

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 endan-

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



because greatest got used it between car mad all written Together

formed



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 premièred 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 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.'