

UNIT-5

TAG QUESTION

Rules to be followed in doing tag questions

1. If the given sentence is negative the tag question must be positive and vice versa and if the given sentence has auxiliary verbs and aux. verb + main verb we repeat the same aux. Verb in the tag as in the examples.

Example: I'm a student, aren't I?

He is a boy, isn't he?

He has studied hard, hasn't he?

She is not a married girl, is she?

2. If the sentence has main verb without auxiliary verb we use do/does/did in question tag according to the demand of the verb. It means if the verb is v1 we use 'do'; if the verb is V⁵, we use 'does' and if the verb is V², we use 'did'.

Example: He works hard, doesn't he?

They play volleyball, don't they?

Rashmi took the exam, didn't she?

3. The affirmative use of verbs "need" and "dare" are used as the main verbs, at that time we use auxiliary verbs (do/does/did in the tag; as

Example: He needs a pen, doesn't he?

They dared driving fast, didn't they?

We need 3 kilos of sausages, don't we?

4. If the verbs "need" and "dare" are used in the negative, the same main verbs are used in the tag.

Example: I needn't buy clothes, need I?

We daren't play, dare we?

5. The statement "I am" changes into "aren't I?" but the tag of "I am not" becomes "am I"?

Example: I am proud, aren't I?

I am helpful, aren't I?

I am not a student, am I?

6. The sentence beginning with "let's" takes "shall we?" and the sentence with "let us" takes "will you?" in the tag.

Example: Let's enjoy in the party, shall we?

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Let us go, will you?

7. If the sentence is imperative, no matter negative or positive imperative, we use "will you?" in the tag.

Example: Read the novel, will you?

Please, open the window, will you?

Do not turn on the TV, will you?

8. The following nouns are replaced by the pronoun "they? And take plural auxiliary verb.i.e. "Do"

"Someone", "somebody", "None", Nobody", "everyone", "everybody"

Example: Everyone seems happy, don't they?

No one is present, are they?

Nobody is absent, are they?

Someone is calling you, aren't they?

9. If the following expressions are used in the statement, then we use the affirmative tag.

Sheldom	Never	hardly
Rarely	barely	scarcely
Sometimes	occasionally	often

Example: I never smoke, do I?

She rarely meets her boyfriend, does she?

The barking dog seldom bites, do they?

10. Contraction forms

Example: They'd better go out, hadn't they?

He'd rather met me, wouldn't he?

I'd a pen, didn't I?

She'd gone Pokhara, hadn't she?

11. If two subjects and two verbs are used in a statement then we use the second pair of the subjects and verbs to be changed in the tag.

Example: They think I know the topic of discussion, don't I?

I suppose they have won the match, haven't they?

I know he doesn't play well, does he?

I think he'd rather drink, wouldn't he?