RULE SHEET

Question tags



A **question tag** is a short question at the end of a sentence. Use it to check information or to ask for agreement: It's cold, **isn't it**?

Sentence and tag

Sentence	Tag	Rule
You **are** Tom,	**aren't** you?	positive sentence → negative tag
She **likes** pizza,	**doesn't** she?	simple present: do / does
They **won** the match,	**didn't** they?	simple past: did
He **can** swim,	**can't** he?	can, will, have got, was: the same verb
You **aren't** tired,	**are** you?	negative sentence → positive tag

More examples

- It **will** rain, **won't** it? · You**'ve got** a dog, **haven't** you?
- Mia **was** at school, **wasn't** she? · They **didn't** come, **did** they?
- There **is** a park here, **isn't there**?

> **Careful!** Use a pronoun in the tag: **Mia** is nice, isn't **she**? (not: isn't Mia?). Two people or things → **they**. With **there is / there are**, the tag keeps **there**: There are lots of shops, aren't **there**? With **I am**, the tag is **aren't I**: I'm late, aren't I? A comma comes before the tag.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Negative tags with be, can and will

1 Tick the correct question tag.

1. Leo is ten, _____? ○ isn't he ○ is he
2. You're tired, _____? ○ are you ○ aren't you
3. They can dance, _____? ○ can't they ○ can they
4. It will snow, _____? ○ will it ○ won't it
5. Emma is your friend, _____? ○ isn't she ○ isn't Emma
6. We're late, _____? ○ aren't we ○ are we
7. The museum is open, _____? ○ is it ○ isn't it
8. You can swim, _____? ○ can you ○ can't you

2 Write the question tag.

Example: Ben is your brother, _____? → *isn't he*

1. Your dad is a pilot, _____?
2. Sara can ride a horse, _____?
3. You will call me, _____?
4. The dogs are hungry, _____?
5. It's hot today, _____?
6. Mr Brown will be there, _____?