

Ram works hard, doesn't he? He is not coming, is he?

• किसी भी वाक्य के बाद आने वाला एक छोटा सवाल, 'Question tag' कहलाता है।

QUESTION TAG बनाने के नियम

- 1. वाक्य एवं Question tag एक ही tense में होने चाहिए।
- 2. अगर वाक्य positive हो तो 'Question tag' negative होना चाहिए और अगर वाक्य negative हो तो 'Question tag' positive होना चाहिए।
- 3. Question tag में हमेशा Pronoun का प्रयोग करें।
- 4. Negative question tag में helping verb एवं not के contracted form का प्रयोग करें। जैसेः didn't, hadn't, won't इत्यादि।

नोटः 1. सामान्यतः 'am not' का contracted form नहीं होता है। लेकिन Question tag में 'aren't' का प्रयोग होता है।

जैसेः I am fine, aren't I?

2. (a) Everyone, everybody, no one, none, each, every इत्यादि form से singular है। इनके साथ singular verb, singular pronoun इत्यादि का प्रयोग होता है। लेकिन Question tag में ये बह्वचन के रूप में प्रयोग किये जाते हैं।

जैसेः

Everyone has come, hasn't he? (x)

Everyone has come, haven't they? (correct)

None of your friends likes her, do they? (correct)

Everybody can speak English, can't they? (correct)

(b) अगर वाक्य में 'Something, 'nothing', 'anything' इत्यादि के जैसे uncountable एवं non-living nouns का प्रयोग subject के रूप में हो तो question tag में singular verb एवं singular pronoun (it) का प्रयोग होगा।

जैसेः (1) Something is missing, isn't it?

- (2) Nothing has happened, has it?
- 3. Collective noun का प्रयोग singular form में होता है। इनके Question Tag में singular verb एवं singular pronoun का प्रयोग करें।
- जैसेः The jury $\frac{has}{s.v.}$ taken $\frac{its}{s.v.}$ decision, hasn't it?

4. लेकिन अगर collective noun में मतभेद हो या हम प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की बात करें, तब plural verb एवं plural pronoun प्रयुक्त होंगे।

जैसेः The committee $\frac{are}{p.v.}$ divided in $\frac{their}{p.p.}$ opinion, aren't they?

The audience $\frac{have}{p.v.}$ taken $\frac{their}{p.p.}$ seats, haven't they?

- 5. कुछ शब्द जैसे hardly, seldom, scarcely इत्यादि अर्थ से नकारात्मक होते है हालांकि इनमें 'not' स्पष्ट रूप से नहीं दिखता। इनके Question tag positive होंगे।
- जैसेः 1. He hardly does any work, does he?
 - 2. He has barely anything to eat, has he?
 - 3. He is seldom absent, is he?

- 6. अगर sentence की शुरूआत 'Let us'/Let's' से किया जाए तो Question tag 'shall we' होगा।
- जैसेः Let us go to party tonight, shall we?

- 7. (a) आदेश/ निवेदन वाले वाक्यों (Imperative sentences) में आग्रह के लिए Question Tag में 'won't you?' का प्रयोग होता है।
- जैसेः Come in, won't you?

(b) किसी व्यक्ति से कोई कार्य करने को कहने के लिए या कुछ offer करते समय भी 'will you/would you?' का प्रयोग होता है।

जैसेः 1. Open the door, would you?

2. Have some more tea, would you?

(c) 'Can't you?' बेसब्र अवस्था (impatience) को दर्शाता है।

जैसेः Shut your mouth, can't you?

(d) Negative imperative वाक्यों में 'will you?' का प्रयोग 'Question tag' के रूप में होता है।

जैसेः Don't worry, will you?

- 8. अगर वाक्य में 'there' subject के रूप में प्रयुक्त हो तो 'there' के बाद आने वाला verb एवं 'there' question tag के रूप में प्रयुक्त होगें।
- जैसे: There is no water, is there?

 There weren't good schools, were there?
- 9. Question Tag हमेशा वाक्य के मुख्य भाग के अनुसार प्रयुक्त होना चाहिए।
- जैसेः I think, he is right, isn't he?

- 10. Little एवं few अर्थ से 'ना के बराबर' होते हैं। अगर इनका प्रयोग वाक्य में हो तो वाक्य अर्थ से नकरात्मक हो जाता है। ऐसे वाक्यों के question tag affirmative होंगे negative नहीं।
- जैसे: (1) Few people turned up for the show, did they? (2) Little hope is left now, is it?

Note: I have a car

इसका Question tag 'don't I ?' एवं 'haven't I ?' दोनों हो सकता है। वाक्य Simple present tense का है अतः 'do/does' का प्रयोग helping verb के रूप में प्रयुक्त हो सकता है।

- 1. I am happy,
- 2. I don't write letter,
- 3. I didn't go to college yesterday,
- 4. It is very cold,
- 5. You haven't eaten anything,

- 6. She doesn't drive carelessly,
- 7. I have called him up,
- 8. The boys are quite boisterous,
- 9. My friend Ram is an egoist,
- 10. God is Omnipotent, omnipresent and Omniscient,

- 11. The mob killed the District Magistrate,
- 12. Bhim was a glutton,
- 13. We see somnambulists in movies very often,
- 14. Bhagat Singh was a martyr,
- 15. We see conjurors in circus,

- 16. Asthma is not a contagious disease,
- 17. We used to see epidemic in villages earlier,
- 18. Sanjivini was considered to be a panacea,
- 19. We find too many monologues in Shakespeare's plays,
- 20. We hadn't got any remuneration,

- 21. Polygamy has been banned in many countries,
- 22. Charles Shobraj was an imposter,
- 23. Hindus practise idolatry,
- 24. My nephew is an ambidextrous,
- 25. He is a pessimist,

- 26. Everyone has come late today,
- 27. The mob has lynched the thief,
- 28. The audience have taken their seats,
- 29. Have some more tea,
- 30. Wait for me,

- 31. Let's go out for a walk,
- 32. He has barely anything to wear,
- 33. Somebody entered the room,
- 34. I think, you are right,
- 35. I feel, he is hungry,

- 36. There are many boys in this school,
- 37. Nobody bothers,
- 38. It hardly rains here,
- 39. The jury was unanimous in its decision.
- 40. I am tired,

- 41. Few people came forward to help him.
- 42. Little could be done.
- 43. Nothing seems amiss.
- 44. Nothing can be done now.
- 45. Something seems queer.

Answer key

1.	aren't I?	13.	don't we?	25.	Isn't he?	36.	aren't there?
2.	do I?	14.	wasn't he.	26.	haven't they?	37.	do they?
3.	did I?	15.	don't we?	27.	hasn't it?	38.	does it?
4.	isn't it?	16.	is it?	28.	haven't they?	39.	wasn't it?
5 .	have you?	17.	didn't we?	29.	will /would you?	40.	aren't I?
6.	does she?	18.	wasn't it?	30.	will you?/can	40.	aren't I?
7.	haven't I?	19.	don't we?	you	?	41.	did they?
7. 8.	haven't I? aren't they?		don't we?		? Shall we?		did they?
		20.		31.		42.	
8. 9.	aren't they?	20. 21.	had we?	31. 32.	Shall we?	42. 43.	could it?
8. 9. 10.	aren't they? isn't he?	20. 21. 22.	had we? hasn't it?	31. 32. 33.	Shall we? does he?	42. 43. 44.	could it? does it?