

## Tag-questions (разделительные вопросы)

В английском языке существуют специальные окончания вопросов, которые очень важны для поддержания беседы. Они помогают перебросить «мостик» к собеседнику, чтобы тот смог продолжить беседу.

E.g. She is a very good pupil, isn't she? (Она очень хорошая ученица, не так ли?)



Подобные вопросы называются tag-questions. Главное - научиться выбирать нужные окончания вопросов, которых в английском языке больше, чем в русском, например,

... won't you? / will you? ...doesn't she? / does she?

... don't you? / do you? ...couldn't I? /
could I? ...didn't we? / did we? ...weren't
we? / were we? ...wasn't he? / was he?



### Правила их употребления.

1. Если в первой части предложения глагол стоит в утвердительной форме, то вторая часть предложения содержит глагол в отрицательной форме, а подлежащее заменяется на соответствующее местоимение.

My friends are students, aren't they?

2. Если в первой части предложения глагол стоит в отрицательной форме, то вторая часть предложения содержит глагол в утвердительной форме, а подлежащее заменяется на соответствующее местоимение.

E. g. My friends aren't students, are they?



3. Если в первой части предложения есть глаголы to be (is, am, are, was, were), to have (has, had), will / shall, can / could, would / must, то во второй части предложения используется тот же глагол.

E. g. They have a big house in the country, haven't they?



4. Если в первой части предложения нет указанных в 3 пункте глаголов, то во второй части предложения используется do / does или did в зависимости от времени действия.

E. g. Your sister plays the piano very well, doesn't she?



#### Таблица образования разделительных вопросов

I am	aren't I?	I am fat, aren't I?
I used to	didn't I?	He used to eat a lot of sweets, didn't he?
Let's	shall we?	Let's forget it, shall we?
Won't	will you?	You won't be late, will you?
He has got	hasn't he?	He has got a large house, hasn't he?
I have	don't I?	I have dinner at 2 o'clock, don't I?
Everyone / someone/ anyme/no one	auxiliary verb + they?	Everyone knows the way to the shop, don't they?

На разделительные вопросы (tag-questions) следует отвечать так же, как и на любой общий вопрос, требующий ответ "Yes" или "No".

E.g. She was in England a year ago, wasn't she? - Yes, she was. /
No, she wasn't.



Обратите внимание на то, что при ответах на подобные вопросы в русском языке можно сказать: Да, она не работает или же Нет, она работает. В английском языке такой ответ невозможен и на вопрос *She* doesn't work, does she? нужно ответить: No, she doesn't или Yes, she does.



# Lets train.



### Choose the right tag-ending.

- 1. He can play golf well, ...?
  - a ..., doesn't he?
  - **b** ..., can he?
  - c ..., can't he?
- 2. You are the new secretary, ...?
  - a ..., aren't you?
  - b ..., are you?
  - c ..., don't you?
- 3. Mr. Evans is speaking over the phone, ...?
  - a ..., is he?
  - b ..., isn't he?
  - c ..., doesn't you?



- 4. You like black coffee, ...?
  - a ..., aren't you?
  - b ..., don't you?
  - c ..., do you?
- 5. I'm busy, ...?
- ..., aren't I?
- **b** ..., don't I?
- c ..., am not I?
- 6. It's a nice day, ...?
  - ..., does it?
  - **b** ..., is it?
  - c ..., isn't it?





- 7. We haven't got much time, ...?
  - a ..., do we?
  - **b** ..., don't we?
  - c ..., haven't we?
- 8. Sam doesn't work hard, ...?
  - a ..., is he?
  - b ..., does he?
  - c ..., isn't he?
- 9. There will be a nice film on TV tonight, ...?
  - a ..., won't there?
  - **b** ..., will it?
  - c ..., will there?





- 10. She doesn't speak Spanish at all, ...?
  - a ..., does she?
  - b ..., don't she?
  - c ..., is she?
- 11. It's nice to invite British students, ...?
  - a ..., does it?
  - **b** ..., is it?
  - c ..., isn't it?
- 12. It was a wonderful game, ...?
  - a ..., was it?
  - **b** ..., did it?
  - c ..., wasn't it?



### Match the questions and the answers.

- 1. You are in the fifth form, aren't you?
- 2. He isn't from Scotland, is he?
- 3. They must work hard, mustn't they?
- 4. We won't go abroad this summer, will we?

- a) No, he isn't.
- b) Yes, they must.
- c) No, we won't.
- d) Yes, I am.



- 5. Yesterday Steven met a group of Russian students, didn't he?
- 6. She was nervous at the lesson, wasn't she?
- 7. Pam couldn't stay after lessons, could she?

- e) No, she couldn't.
- f) Yes, she was.
- g) No, he didn't.



### Answer the following questions:

- 1) You are in the fifth form, aren't you?
- 2) You don't like picnics, do you?
- 3) You helped the old woman on your way to school, didn't you?
- 4) Your friend can't drive a car, can he?
- 5) You won't have a Maths exam this year, will you?



