ANGLAIS

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Terminales

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Lesson 8- GRAMMAR

REVISION OF QUESTION TAGS

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to recognize, form and use question tags correctly in English.
En français : À la fin de cette leçon, tu dois être capable de reconnaître, former et utiliser correctement les question tags en anglais.

1. What is a question tag?

A question tag is a short question added at the end of a statement. It is used to ask for confirmation or check information.
En français : un question tag est une courte question placée à la fin d'une phrase pour demander une confirmation.
Example: You are a student, aren't you? → Tu es élève, n'est-ce pas ?

2. The main rule

Positive statement → Negative question tag
She is tired, isn't she?
Negative statement → Positive question tag
She isn't tired, is she?

3. How to form a question tag

Use the auxiliary or modal verb from the statement, then use the correct subject pronoun.

Statement	Question tag
He is at school.	isn't he?
They are ready.	aren't they?
She can swim.	can't she?
You will come.	won't you?
We have finished.	haven't we?
He isn't busy.	is he?

4. With the simple present and simple past

When there is no auxiliary in the statement, use DO / DOES in the Simple Present and DID in the Simple Past.

- Peter plays football, doesn't he?
- Mary likes music, doesn't she?
- They study English, don't they?
- John visited his friend, didn't he?
- They didn't come, did they?

5. Important special cases

- I am late, aren't I?
- Let's go, shall we?
- Open the door, will you?
- There is a problem, isn't there?
- There are many students, aren't there?

6. Common errors

✗ She is happy, is she?
✓ She is happy, isn't she?

✗ He plays football, isn't he?
✓ He plays football, doesn't he?

✗ They went home, don't they?
✓ They went home, didn't they?

✗ Mary can swim, doesn't she?
✓ Mary can swim, can't she?

7. Practise exercise

Complete each sentence with the correct question tag.

1. You are a student, _____?
2. She isn't tired, _____?
3. Peter plays football, _____?
4. They went to school yesterday, _____?
5. Mary can speak English, _____?
6. We will meet tomorrow, _____?
7. Let's start the lesson, _____?

Remember

POSITIVE STATEMENT → NEGATIVE TAG | NEGATIVE STATEMENT → POSITIVE TAG

Keep the same auxiliary or modal verb and replace the subject with the correct pronoun. If there is no auxiliary, use do / does / did.

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