

TAG QUESTIONS

Question Tags are short questions at the end of statements. We use them in spoken English when we want to confirm something

1. When the verb in the main sentence is in Present Simple, we form the question tag with the auxiliary verb DO/DOES
2. When the verb in the main sentence is in Past Simple, we form the question tag with the auxiliary verb DID
3. When the sentence is positive, the question tag is negative
4. When the sentence is negative, the question tag is positive
5. When the main sentence contains a word with a negative meaning (*never, rarely, hardly, seldom, etc*), the question tag is positive.

INTONATION IN TAG QUESTIONS

When we are sure of the answer and expect agreement, the voice in the question tag goes down

When we aren't sure of the answer and we want to check information, we expect a reply, then the voice in the tag question goes up