

QUESTION TAGS

Dalam bahasa Indonesia, kita mungkin sering mendengar kalimat dengan question tag seperti “Kamu adalah seorang dokter, **kan?**”. Sama halnya dengan bahasa Indonesia, penutur bahasa Inggris pun kerap menggunakan *question tag* dalam percakapan sehari-hari mereka. *Question tag* adalah frasa yang terletak di akhir sebuah pernyataan. Secara sederhana, question tag berfungsi untuk mengubah sebuah kalimat pernyataan menjadi kalimat tanya. Biasanya, question tag digunakan saat pembicara mengharapkan bahwa pendengar setuju dengan perkataan yang dia ucapkan, atau ingin memastikan *statement* yang baru saja dia katakan. Berikut beberapa contoh dari kalimat dengan menggunakan *question tag*.

- You didn't come yesterday, **did you?**
- I am not wrong, **am I?**
- You have met David for 6 times today, **haven't you?**
- Tiana is not doing pretty well today, **is she?**
- Liam and Louis will attend the party at 6 pm this afternoon, **won't they?**

Berikut adalah beberapa aturan yang harus diperhatikan dalam membuat kalimat dengan *question tag*:

- Jika kalimat utama merupakan kalimat positif, maka *question tag* yang digunakan harus dalam bentuk *negative*. Begitu juga sebaliknya, jika kalimat yang digunakan merupakan kalimat *negative*, maka frasa yang terdapat di akhir kalimat haruslah dalam bentuk question tag positif.

(Example for positive sentences)

- a. You were sick when Andika visited you, **weren't you?**
- b. Alina and Shafira are sisters, **aren't they?**
- c. Antoni has left since this afternoon, **hasn't he?**

(Example for negative sentences)

- a. Theresa and Rachel will not stay for 3 more days, **will they?**
- b. Rachel did not finish her dinner, **did she?**
- c. Theresa was not angry when you came, **was she?**

- Apabila terdapat auxiliary verb pada kalimat tersebut, maka kita menggunakannya untuk membuat question tag. Jika auxiliary tidak digunakan secara explicit pada kalimat tersebut, maka auxiliary yang digunakan pada question tag adalah yang sesuai dengan *subject* dan juga pola kalimat atau pola grammar pada pernyataan tersebut.

(Example for sentences with auxiliary)

- a. Rina **is** not sick, **is she?**
- b. Ronaldo **does** not play for Real Madrid anymore, **does he?**
- c. Chyntia and My sister **can** drive a car, **can't they?**

(Example for sentences without auxiliary)

- a. **Atik sent** me a valentine card, **didn't she?**
- b. **Deno drinks** vegetable juice for his breakfast, **doesn't he?**
- c. **Tianka owns** a bakery in that corner, **doesn't she?**

- Intonasi dalam mengucapkan question tag juga dapat mempengaruhi makna pada kalimat tersebut secara keseluruhan. Jika tujuan dari kalimat tersebut adalah memastikan jawaban yang sudah diketahui kebenarannya oleh pembicara, maka nada yang digunakan adalah intonasi naik atau *rising intonation*. Sebaliknya, jika pembicara tidak mengetahui kebenaran dari kalimat tersebut dan ingin mencari jawaban dari lawan bicaranya, maka intonasi yang digunakan adalah intonasi rendah atau *falling intonation*. Namun, tidak ada perbedaan apapun terhadap makna jika question tag digunakan dalam bentuk tulisan.

Untuk dapat lebih memahami penggunaan question tag, perhatikan contoh di bawah ini!

- Question tag dengan “to be” (am/is/are/was/were)
 1. She is really nice, isn't she?
 2. Tania and Rufus are very serious in doing their project, aren't they?
 3. Lucas and his mother were staying in your house 2 months ago, weren't they?
 4. Julian was adopted, wasn't he?
 5. Melda is a very good foster mom to Julian, isn't she?

- Question tag dengan auxiliary (do/does/did/have/have been)
 1. We do not know who he is, do we?
 2. You did not tell him what I told you, did you?
 3. Linda has been to Bali several times, hasn't she?
 4. Putri and Zidan did not go to the same school, did they?
 5. Vanesha does not understand my point, does she?
- Question tag dengan modal verb (can/should/would/etc.)
 1. You can't go with me, can you?
 2. Tamara would pick you up, wouldn't she?
 3. Lindsay shouldn't go now, should she?
 4. My can attend the meeting, can't he?
 5. Bella wouldn't notice my mistake, would she?

Agar kamu dapat mengingat materi ini secara lebih detail, silahkan kerjakan latihan berikut dan lihat sejauh mana kamu sudah memahami materi questin tag!

1	Romeo left Juliette, _____?			
	a. Did he	b. Didn't he	c. Was he	d. Is he
2	I am not your enemy, _____?			
	a. Am I	b. Are I	c. Do I	d. Did I
3	You wrote that, _____?			
	a. Did you	b. Didn't you	c. Was you	d. Are you
4	She saw that, _____?			
	a. Did she	b. Didn't she	c. Is she	d. Will she
5	You don't know the answer to these questions, _____?			
	a. Does you	b. Are you	c. Would you	d. Do you
6	Santa will come, _____?			
	a. Did he	b. Didn't he	c. Was he	d. Won't he
7	Tristan is Kevin's brother, _____?			

	a. Is he	b. Will he	c. Isn't he	d. Was he
8	We are going to pay the food, _____?			
	a. Aren't we?	b. Are we	c. Were we	d. Can we
9	My mom loves me, _____?			
	a. Did he	b. Is she	c. Could she	d. Doesn't she
10	Tom has just bought a new house, _____?			
	a. Is he	b. Didn't he	c. Hasn't he	d. Can he



Answer Keys:

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. D
10. C

