

Question tag,  
indirect question

# Question tags

- Question tags are used to check something you already think it is true.

Your name is Maria, isn't it?

- To form the question tag
  - The correct auxiliary verb, e.g. do, does ...etc.
  - A pronoun, e.g. I, he...etc.
  - A negative tag if the sentence is positive, and a positive tag if the sentence is negative.

Positive verb, negative tag	Negative verb, positive tag
It's cold today, <b>isn't</b> it?	She <b>isn't</b> here today, <b>is</b> she?
You <b>are</b> Polish, <b>aren't</b> you?	You <b>aren't</b> happy, <b>are</b> you?
The <b>live</b> in Ankara, <b>don't</b> they?	They <b>don't</b> smoke, <b>do</b> they?
The match <b>finishes</b> at 8:00, <b>doesn't</b> it	She <b>doesn't</b> eat meat, <b>does</b> she?
She <b>worked</b> in a bank, <b>didn't</b> she?	You <b>didn't</b> like the film, <b>did</b> you?
We've <b>met</b> before, <b>haven't</b> we?	She <b>hasn't</b> been to Rome before, <b>has</b> she?
You'll be OK, <b>won't</b> you?	You <b>won't</b> tell anyone, <b>will</b> you?

# Indirect questions

- To make a question more polite we often begin *Could you tell me....?* or *Do you know.....?* The word order changes to subject + verb +, e.g. *Do you know where the post office is?* **NOT** ~~*Do you know where is the post office?*~~
- If the question begins with a verb, add *if* or *whether* after *Could tell me .....*? / *Do you know.....?*
- We also use this structure after *can you remember.....?* e.g. *Can you remember where he lives?*

Direct questions	Indirect questions
Where's <b>the bank</b> ?	Could you tell me where <b>the bank is</b> ?
What time <b>do the shops close</b> ?	Do you know what time <b>the shops close</b> ?
<b>Is there a bus stop</b> near here?	Do you know whether/if <b>there is</b> a bus stop near here?
<b>Does this train go</b> to Victoria?	Could you tell me whether/if <b>this train goes</b> to Victoria?

# Complete the questions with the correct question tags.

1. You haven't been to Hong Kong before, ..... you?
2. She will email him, ..... she?
3. He worked in the sales department, ..... he?
4. You didn't like your dessert, ..... you?
5. Your name's Jack, ..... it?
6. That girl took your handbag, .....she?
7. The police have arrested someone, ..... they?
8. You've been in prison before, ..... you?

# Put the words in the correct order.

1. you concert what me time tell could the starts?  
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2. the open me you shops could on tell if are Sunday?  
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3. near if you there a do know newsagent's here is?  
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4. to you do know bus the to get station how?  
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5. me is you machine the could tell where nearest cash?  
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# Make indirect questions

1. Where do they live?.....
2. Where can I buy some stamps?.....
3. Is Susan at work today? .....
4. Did Milan win last night?.....
5. Where did we park the car?.....
6. What's the time?.....