

Question Tags (प्रश्नवाचक पुच्छल्ला)

SSC CGL English Grammar / Rules and Special Cases

1. Question Tag kya hai?

Statement ke end me lagne wala chhota sawaal jo pushti (confirmation) ya sahmati maangta hai. "You are tired, aren't you?"

Basic rules

- Positive statement -> Negative tag: "He is smart, isn't he?"
- Negative statement -> Positive tag: "He is not smart, is he?"
- Tag me auxiliary + pronoun (noun nahi): "Ram is here, isn't he?"
- Auxiliary nahi ho to do/does/did: "She sings well, doesn't she?" "They played, didn't they?"
- Tag me same tense: "He will come, won't he?"
- Tag hamesha contracted (short) form: isn't, doesn't, won't.

2. Special Cases

Statement	Tag	Why
I am late	aren't I?	am I -> aren't I (amn't [WRONG])
I am not late	am I?	Positive tag
Let's go	shall we?	Let's = suggestion
Let me go	will you?	Let me = request
Open the door (order)	will you / won't you?	Imperative
Don't make noise	will you?	Negative imperative
Nobody came	did they?	Nobody/no one/none = negative, tag me plural they
Everyone is here	aren't they?	Everyone/someone/anyone/everybody = they
Nothing happened	did it?	Nothing = it, positive tag
This is a book	isn't it?	This/that = it; these/those = they
There is a cat	isn't there?	There rahega

Statement	Tag	Why
He hardly works	does he?	Hardly, seldom, rarely, never, barely, scarcely = negative
He has a car	doesn't he / hasn't he?	Have = main verb -> doesn't he
He used to smoke	didn't he?	used to
He ought to go	shouldn't he?	ought -> should/oughtn't
You need not go	need you?	need (modal)
I wish to go	may I?	wish
He had better go	hadn't he?	had better

Exam Trap (SSC)

- Imperative (aadesh): "will you?" / "won't you?"; invitation "won't you?" "Do come, won't you?"
- Let us / Let's = shall we. Let him/her/them = will you.
- Negative words (never, hardly, seldom, scarcely, rarely, barely, few, little, nobody, none, nothing) wale statements positive tag lete hain.
- Few / little = negative: "Few people came, did they?" A few / a little = positive: "A few people came, didn't they?"
- Neither / either / none / each / one ke baad singular: "None of them came, did they?" - one ke liye "one can, can't one?" (formal).
- Tag me subject hamesha pronoun, aur number/gender statement ke subject ke hisaab se: "Sita is singing, isn't she?"

Q. "I am your friend, ___?"

Ans. aren't I?

Q. "Nobody called me, ___?"

Ans. did they? (Nobody negative hai, tag positive aur they)

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