



# English with Nimafar

*Tag Questions VS Direct Questions*



# Tag Questions

*Tag questions are short phrases added to the end of a statement to turn it into a question. They seek confirmation or agreement.*

**NOTE:** *It's used to involve the listener in the conversation.*

# Examples

- *You've seen that movie, haven't you?*
- *She's a great singer, isn't she?*
- *They don't like spicy food, do they?*
- *He won the competition, didn't he?*
- *We should leave now, shouldn't we?*
- *You've finished your homework, haven't you?*
- *She's been to Paris before, hasn't she?*
- *They won't be late, will they?*
- *He can speak French, can't he?*
- *Let's go, shall we?*

# Direct Questions

Direct questions are questions that are asked directly. We either use an auxiliary verb such as Do/Does/Did or we use WH- questions.

Examples:

- -Are you a doctor?
- -Where did you go?
- -Who is that man?

**NOTE:** We can also ask questions indirectly which is called **Indirect Questions**. But in this PDF, we will be comparing tag questions and direct questions.

# Examples

- *What time does the concert start?*
- *How long have you been studying English?*
- *Where did you go on your last vacation?*
- *Why did you choose that restaurant for dinner?*
- *Who is your favorite singer?*
- *When will buy a new car?*
- *How often do you exercise?*
- *How old are you?*
- *Where can I find a good coffee shop around here?*
- *Have you ever been to London?*

# The Difference?

*Let's compare:*

*A. You are a doctor, aren't you?*

*B. Are you a doctor?*

*A implies that the speaker believes the person is a doctor and expects them to confirm it while B is a direct question asking about someone's profession. It seeks to know whether or not the person is a doctor.*

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