

Echo Questions Vs. Question Tags

ECHO QUESTIONS

We use echo questions to show interest or surprise. For this purpose, the listener makes a short question using the auxiliary verb of the statement the speaker has just said.

EXAMPLES:

- ★ They are visiting relatives at this moment.
Are they?
- ★ Jane bought a sports car last week
Did she?
- ★ I live in London's city centre.
Do you?
- ★ Richard has got an iPhone.
Has he?

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QUESTION TAGS

These short questions are used to check information. We use a positive statement followed by a negative tag when we expect a positive answer: YES.

We use a negative statement followed by a positive tag when we expect a negative answer: NO.

EXAMPLES:

- ★ He told you he was married, didn't he?
- ★ The weather will improve tomorrow, won't it?
- ★ He can't drive a lorry, can he?
- ★ They are vegetarians, aren't they?
- ★ She cooks well, doesn't she?
- ★ You live near here, don't you?

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