**STENCIL 3C**

**QUESTION TAGS (aangeplakte vragen)**

# EXAMPLES IN DUTCH.

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| **JE KOMT MORGEN TOCH,**  **ZE KOMT TOCH NIET LOGEREN,**  **JE GAAT TOCH NIET ZINGEN,**  **HET IS ZEER KOUD,**  **ZE KOCHT EEN AUTO,** | **OF NIET ?**  **OF WEL ?**  **HÈ ?**  **NIETWAAR ?**  **OF NIET ?** |

**EXAMPLES IN ENGLISH**

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| **MAIN CLAUSE** | **QUESTION TAG** |

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| **YOU WILL COME TOMORROW,**  **SHE ISN’T COMING TO STAY HERE,**  **YOU AREN’T GOINT TO SING,**  **IT’S VERY COLD,**  **SHE BOUGHT A CAR,** | **WON’T YOU ?**  **IS SHE**  **ARE YOU ?**  **ISN’T IT ?**  **DIDN’T SHE ?** |

ON THIS PAPER YOU’LL FIND INFORMATION ON HOW TO MAKE ‘QUESTION TAGS’ IN ENGLISH

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| **YOU WILL FIND INORMATION ON:**   1. **SENTENCES WITH**   **AUXILIARIES**   1. **SENTENCES WITHOUT**   **AUXILIARIES**  **B.1. SIMPLE PRESENT**  **TENSE** B.2. SIMPLE PASTTENSE |

### SENTENCES WITH AUXILIARIES

**AUXILIARIES ARE:**

* + **AM, ARE, IS, WAS, WERE**
  + **HAVE GOT, HAS GOT**
  + **CAN, COULD, MUST, WILL, SHALL, SHOULD, WOULD, MUST, MAY, MIGHT**
  + **HAVE, HAS, HAD + VOLTOOID DEELWOORD**

1. THE AUXILIARY IN THE MAIN

CLAUSE, MUST BE USED AGAIN

IN THE ‘TAG’

2. THE SUBJECT IN THE ‘TAG’

CLAUSE MUST NEARLY ALWAYS

BE A PERSONAL PRONOUN.

(I, YOU, HE, SHE, IT, WE, YOU,

THEY)

3. IS THE MAIN CLAUSE

AFFIRMATIVE, THEN

YOU MUST USE ‘NOT’ (N’T) IN

THE ‘TAG’

4. IS THE MAIN CLAUSE

NEGATIVE, THEN YOU MUST

NOT USE ‘NOT’ IN THE

‘TAG’

### EXAMPLES

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| MAIN CLAUSE AFFIRMATIVE (+) | **TAG**  **(NEGATIVE - )** |
| WE ARE COMING, | **AREN’T WE ?** |
| SHE WAS LATE, | **WASN’T SHE ?** |
| THEY SHOULD STAY, | **SHOULDN’T THEY ?** |
| MARY WOULD LIKE TO GO, | **WOULDN’T SHE ?** |
| WE HAVE FORGOTTEN TO CALL, | **HAVEN’T WE ?** |

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| MAIN CLAUSE (NEGATIVE -) | **TAG**  **(AFFIRMATIVE +)** |
| JACK CAN’T PLAY, | **CAN HE ?** |
| PETER AND MARY WON’T LEAVE, | **WILL THEY ?** |
| I SHAN’T STAY, | **SHALL I ?** |
| MARY AND JANE HAVEN’T WORKED HARD, | **HAVE THEY ?** |
| SHEILA AND JACK MUSTN’T LEAVE, | **MUST THEY ?** |

**NOTE:**

1. **I SHALL COME, SHAN’T I ?**
2. **WE WILL LEAVE, WON’T WE ?**
3. **I AM LATE, AREN’T I ?**
4. **THIS IS JACK, ISN’T IT ?**
5. **THAT IS YOUR CAR, ISN’T IT ?**
6. **THERE ISN’T ANY MONEY, IS THERE ?**

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**EXERCISE:**

1. **SHE WAS COMING, …………………… ?**
2. **MY WIFE IS LEAVING, ……………….. ?**
3. **THEY CAN’T SING, ……………………. ?**
4. **WE’VE GOT MUCH WORK, …………. ?**
5. **THEY WOULDN’T GO, ……………….. ?**
6. **WE HAVE DONE OUR WORK, ……… ?**

### SENTENCES WITHOUT AUXILIARY.

**B1: THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE**

**1. THE VERB IN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS NOT REPEATED IN THE ‘TAG’.**

**2. WHEN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS AFFIRMATIVE, YOU USE DON’T OR DOESN’T IN THE TAG.**

**3. WHEN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS NEGATIVE, YOU USE DO OR DOES IN THE TAG.**

### B.1. SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

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| MAIN CLAUSE (**AFFIRMATIVE** **+**) | **TAG**  **(DON’T/DOESN’T )** |
| WE WALK EVERY DAY, | **DON’T WE ?** |
| SHE SHOUTS A LOT, | **DOESN’T SHE ?** |
| THEY STAY HERE EVERY DAY, | **DON’T THEY ?** |
| MARY LIKES TO GO, | **DOESN’T SHE ?** |
| WE DANCE A LOT, | **DON’T WE ?** |

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| MAIN CLAUSE (NEGATIVE -) | **TAG**  **(DO / DOES)** |
| JACK DOESN’T PLAY, | **DOES HE ?** |
| PETER AND MARY DON’T LIKE TO GO, | **DO THEY ?** |
| I DON’T SMOKE, | **DO I ?** |
| MARY AND JANE DON’T WORK HARD, | **DO THEY ?** |
| SHEILA AND JACK DON’T LEAVE EARLY, | **DO THEY ?** |

**EXERCISE:**

1. **SHE DOESN’T COME, …………………… ?**
2. **MY WIFE LEAVES ,……………….. ?**
3. **THEY SING A LOT,……………………. ?**
4. **WE DON’T WORK HARD,…………. ?**
5. **THEY GO, ……………….. ?**
6. **WE DON’T DO OUR WORK, ………… ?**

**B.2. THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE**

**1. THE VERB IN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS NOT REPEATED IN THE TAG.**

**2. WHEN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS AFFIRMATIVE, YOU USE DIDN’T IN THE TAG.**

**3. WHEN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS NEGATIVE, YOU USE DID IN THE TAG.**

### B.2. SIMPLE PAST TENSE

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| MAIN CLAUSE **(AFFIRMATIVE + )** | **TAG**  **(DIDN’T - )** |
| WE WALKED EVERY DAY, | **DIDN’T WE ?** |
| SHE SHOUTED A LOT, | **DIDN’T SHE ?** |
| THEY SANG HERE EVERY DAY, | **DIDN’T THEY ?** |
| MARY LIKED TO GO, | **DIDN’T SHE ?** |
| WE BOUGHT A LOT, | **DIDN’T WE ?** |

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| MAIN CLAUSE (NEGATIVE -) | **TAG**  **(DID +)** |
| JACK DIDN’T PLAY, | **DID HE ?** |
| PETER AND MARY DIDN’T LIKE TO GO, | **DIDTHEY ?** |
| I DIDN’T SMOKE, | **DID I ?** |
| MARY AND JANE DIDN’T WORK HARD, | **DID THEY ?** |
| SHEILA AND JACK DIDN’T LEAVE EARLY, | **DID THEY ?** |

**EXERCISE:**

1. **SHE DIDN’T COME, …………………… ?**
2. **MY WIFE LEFT,……………….. ?**
3. **THEY SANG A LOT,……………………. ?**
4. **WE DIDN’T WORK HARD ,…………. ?**
5. **THEY WENT, ……………….. ?**
6. **WE DIDN’T DO OUR WORK, ………… ?**

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| **FINAL REMARKS:**  **‘THERE’ IN THE MAIN CLAUSE IS REPEATED IN THE ‘TAG’** | | | |
| There’s a dog in your bed, | | | isn’t there ? |
| There isn’t anybody in the room, | | | is there ? |
| **‘I AM’ IN THE MAIN CLAUSE ----🡪**  **‘AREN’T I ?’ IN THE TAG** | | | |
| **I am late,** | | **aren’t I ?** | |
| **I am reading,** | | **aren’t I ?** | |
| **LET’S IN THE MAIN CLAUSE ---🡪**  **‘SHALL WE ?’ IN THE TAG** | | | | |
| **Let’s stay here tonight,** | **shall we ?** | | | |
| **Let’s spend all our money,** | **shall we ?** | | | |