

TRY THIS TOO!

In each of the following sentences, put the present form of the verb which agrees with its subject.

1. Neither of us _____ there.
2. None of these boys _____ passed.
3. Good news _____ always welcome.
4. Mathematics _____ an intellectual subject.
5. None of you _____ done his work properly.
6. The quality of these apples _____ not good.
7. Neither you nor I _____ to drop this project.
8. Each of these boys _____ passed.

LET US LEARN : QUESTION TAGS

During conversation we use some statements and it is our custom to ask for confirmation as:

Example: This is a very difficult subject, isn't it?

The underlined part is a question tag.

➔ I **am** coming. ➔ He **has** finished. ➔ I **didn't** see them.

In these statements mentioned above '**am**', '**has**', '**didn't**' are auxiliary verbs. They help in forming question tags. **Auxiliary verbs are helping verbs.**

Example: The boy is running, isn't he?

auxiliary verb [**is**] + n't + pronoun [**he**]

Try it out! _____

1. When the statement is positive, the tag will be negative in sense. The pattern will be auxiliary verb + n't + pronoun?

Example: They have done their work, haven't they?

auxiliary verb [**have**] + n't + pronoun [**they**]

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2. When the statement is negative, the tag will be positive in sense. The pattern will be auxiliary verb + pronoun

Example: Susi doesn't play chess, does she?

auxiliary verb [**does**] + pronoun [**she**]

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3. When the statement has no auxiliary verb, the tense of the principal verb is made note of and the auxiliary verb such as **do**, **does** or **did** is used.

Present Tense - **do** and **does**

Past Tense - **did**

Just follow the formula to create an auxiliary verb:

write = do + write

writes = does + write

wrote = did + write

Your example	Auxiliary Verb	Negative (in contracted) form	Your example
1. is she?	1. is 2. was 3. were 4. should 5. could 6. are 7. will 8. shall 9. can 10. had 11. did 12. does 13. do 14. has 15. have 16. am	isn't wasn't weren't shouldn't couldn't aren't won't shan't can't hadn't didn't doesn't don't hasn't haven't aren't	1. isn't she?

RULES TO BE OBSERVED WHILE FRAMING QUESTION TAGS:

- * A tag always ends with a question mark.
- * The subject of a tag is a pronoun and is never the Proper noun.
- * The tense of the tag is the same as that of the sentence.
- * There is a comma before the tag.
- * The tag is never written with a capital letter.

TRY THIS :

Supply suitable question tags for the following statements:

1. She is driving a car, _____?
2. Rajan should be on time to school, _____?
3. They were not listening to the lesson, _____?
4. He broke the jar, _____?
5. Sheela was not afraid to be alone, _____?