



## Spoken Tags

- A way of asking the other person to make a comment and so keep the conversation open
- To make a tag, use the first auxiliary
- If the main part of the sentence is positive, the question tag is negative
- If the main part of the sentence is negative, the question tag is positive

### Examples

You're going on vacation, aren't you?

You wouldn't jump off a cliff, would you?

- The question tag uses the same verb as the main part of the sentence
- If the main part of a sentence has an auxiliary verb, form the tag with this verb
- If the main part of the sentence doesn't have an auxiliary verb, the question tag uses an appropriate form of 'do'

### Examples

They weren't here, were they?

We had eaten too much, hadn't we?

I said that, didn't I?

You don't recognise me, do you?

She eats meat, doesn't she?

- The question tag for "I am" is "aren't I?"

### Intonation

- If the question tag is a real question we use rising intonation. Our tone of voice rises
- If we already know the answer we use falling intonation. Our tone of voice falls