

TEACHER'S NOTES

**Matching activity: Question tags**  
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FUN WITH GRAMMAR TEACHER'S NOTES

<b>Level:</b> Upper intermediate
<b>Target age:</b> Secondary / adult
<b>Time needed:</b> 20 minutes
<b>Grammar objective:</b> to apply question tags correctly
<b>Materials:</b> one set of question cards and one set of tag cards per group
<b>Summary:</b> This accuracy-based matching activity for small groups practises correct use of question tags.

*You were always good when you were a child, weren't you?*  
*You didn't eat snails last night, did you?*  
*You went to Paris last weekend, didn't you?*  
*You wouldn't take sick leave if you weren't ill, would you?*  
*You'd like to earn a lot of money, wouldn't you?*

**Extension**

Students could make up their own questions to go with each tag and play again with their own cards.

**Procedure**

- Put students into groups of four or five.
- Give each group one set of question cards and one set of tag cards.
- Students shuffle all the cards together and distribute them equally between the members of the group without looking at them.
  - The first player lays down a question card.
  - The player with the matching tag card should then lay it down and ask the full question.
  - The first player must then reply.
  - When the first player has answered the question, he/she can then keep the cards.
  - The game continues clockwise around the group until all the cards are gone.
  - The player with the most cards is the winner.

**Key:**

*You haven't been to Paris, have you?*  
*You have been learning English for a long time, haven't you?*  
*You don't play a musical instrument, do you?*  
*You like ice cream, don't you?*  
*You aren't shy, are you?*  
*You are married, aren't you?*  
*You can't swim, can you?*  
*You can play the guitar, can't you?*  
*You won't forget to do your homework tonight, will you?*  
*You'll have a holiday at the end of this course, won't you?*  
*You weren't brought up in Peru, were you?*

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**Question cards**


You haven't been to Paris,

You won't forget to do your homework tonight,

You have been learning English for a long time,

You'll have a holiday at the end of this course,

You don't play a musical instrument,

You weren't brought up in Peru,

You like ice cream,

You were always good when you were a child,

You aren't shy,

You didn't eat snails last night,

You are married,

You went to Paris last weekend,

You can't swim,

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You can play the guitar,

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### Tag cards



have you?	will you?
haven't you?	won't you?
do you?	were you?
don't you?	weren't you?
are you?	did you?
aren't you?	didn't you?
can you?	would you?
can't you?	wouldn't you?