PDF 1 - Are You Really Sure?



QUESTION TAGS

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Focus

Positive/negative question tags for confirmation and checking information.

Theme

Opinions, assumptions and surprising facts

Core language:

- isn't it?
- don't they?
- are you?
- didn't she?
- won't he?
- etc.

Activity 1: Quick Reactions

Read the statements.

Write a question tag.

Then decide whether you agree.

Example:

Social media wastes a lot of time, _____ ?

Answer: doesn't it?

Do you agree? Why or why not?

Statements:

- Learning English takes patience, _____ ?
- Travelling teaches you a lot, _____ ?
- Everyone needs a holiday sometimes, _____ ?
- It's difficult to avoid technology, _____ ?
- People spend too much time online, _____ ?

Activity 2: The Office Rumours

Read the rumours (x3) and write three more.

Example:

1. Sarah got promoted.
2. The company is moving offices.
3. The manager bought a new car.
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Discuss:

What would you ask to check the information?

Example:

"Sarah got promoted, didn't she?" Create question-tag questions for all the rumours.

1. Sarah got promoted, _____
2. The company is moving offices, _____
3. The manager bought a new car, _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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Activity 3: Spot the Wrong Assumption

Read the conversations.

The first speaker makes an incorrect assumption.

Complete Speaker B's response using the prompts.

Example

A: You've visited London, haven't you?

B: No, actually I haven't. I've visited **Paris and Rome**.

1. A: You play tennis every weekend, don't you?
   B: No, actually I don't. I play _____.

Prompt: football / Saturdays

2. A: You've got three brothers, haven't you?
   B: No, actually I haven't. I've got _____.

Prompt: one sister

3. A: You can drive, can't you?
   B: No, actually I can't. I'm _____.

Prompt: taking lessons

4. A: You went to the beach last weekend, didn't you?
   B: No, actually I didn't. I went _____.

Prompt: mountains / friends

5. A: You're studying engineering, aren't you?
   B: No, actually I'm not. I'm studying _____.

Prompt: business

6. A: You drink coffee every day, don't you?
   B: No, actually I don't. I usually drink _____.

Prompt: tea

7. A: You've seen that new action film, haven't you?
   B: No, actually I haven't. I've seen _____.

Prompt: comedy

8. A: You live near the city centre, don't you?
   B: No, actually I don't. I live _____.

Prompt: small town

9. A: Your favourite subject was maths, wasn't it?
   B: No, actually it wasn't. My favourite subject was _____.

Prompt: history

10. A: You started learning English recently, didn't you?
    B: No, actually I didn't. I've been learning English for _____.

Prompt: six years

Follow-Up

Choose three conversations. Continue each one with one more sentence.

Example:

A: You drink coffee every day, don't you?

B: No, actually I don't. I usually drink tea.

A: Really? I thought everyone drank coffee in your family.

A. _____
_____

B. _____
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A. _____
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A. _____
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B. _____
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A. _____
_____

A. _____
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B. _____
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A. _____
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Activity 4: Interview Your Partner

Ask five questions.

Topics:

- travel _____?
- food _____?
- hobbies _____?
- technology _____?
- work/studies _____?

Each question must include a question tag.

Record the answers.

Activity 5: Write the Conversation

Create a short dialogue that includes six different question tags.

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