

Activity Type

Reading, listening, matching and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Question tags

Aim

To complete sentences with positive and negative question tags.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three and cut as indicated. Keep the three sets of cards separate.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This fast-paced matching game can be used to help teach or practice question tags.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three.

Give one student a set of question cards. Give the other two students a set of tag cards each.

Tell the student with the question cards to shuffle them and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Tell the other students to shuffle their tag cards and spread them out face up in front of them.

The student with the questions turns over a card and reads the beginning of a tag question aloud.

The other two students then race to find the correct tag to complete the question from their set.

The first student to give the question tag to the student and say the complete tag question wins and keeps both cards.

The correct question tag is shown on the question card in brackets.

Then, the beginning of another tag question is read out and so on.

The game continues until all the cards have been matched correctly.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

Afterwards, the students swap roles, giving the student with the questions a chance to play.

Question cards

You were told to do your
homework,
(weren't you?)

You received my email,
(didn't you?)

Your father is a
businessman,
(isn't he?)

They have a nice house,
(don't they?)

You're going on holiday
soon,
(aren't you?)

He isn't English,
(is he?)

You haven't been to
America,
(have you?)

He went to Nepal last year,
(didn't he?)

You own a sports car,
(don't you?)

Your parents have just
bought a new house,
(haven't they?)

She isn't an actress,
(is she?)

My brother wasn't here last
night,
(was he?)

They weren't here
yesterday,
(were they?)

Your sister likes to play
badminton,
(doesn't she?)

You don't want to go out
tonight,
(do you?)

Tag cards

weren't you?

didn't you?

isn't he?

don't they?

aren't you?

is he?

have you?

didn't he?

don't you?

haven't they?

is she?

was he?

were they?

doesn't she?

do you?

Tag cards

weren't you?

didn't you?

isn't he?

don't they?

aren't you?

is he?

have you?

didn't he?

don't you?

haven't they?

is she?

was he?

were they?

doesn't she?

do you?