

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Tag questions and short answers

Aim

To practice asking and answering tag questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This engaging worksheet activity helps to teach students how to ask and answer tag questions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to conduct a questionnaire using tag questions, but first they need to complete the questions on their worksheet with positive and negative tags.

Students must also create two more tag questions at the bottom of the worksheet.

When the students have completed all the tag questions, go through the tags and check the students' own questions.

Answer key

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| 1. were you? | 7. weren't you? |
| 2. didn't you? | 8. haven't you? |
| 3. did you? | 9. can you? |
| 4. do you? | 10. will you? |
| 5. aren't you? | 11. have you? |
| 6. can't you? | 12. don't you? |

Students then walk around the classroom asking the tag questions to students who they think can confirm the information in each question.

When a classmate answers appropriately, confirming the information in the question, the student writes down their name in the 'Name' column next to the item.

The student then asks a follow-up question to gain more information. This information is written in the last column.

Tell the students that they can only have the same name once. This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, ask students to give feedback to the rest of the class on what they found out. If there are any interesting findings, encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

Tag questions	Names	More information
1. You weren't late to class today, _____?		
2. You went shopping last weekend, _____?		
3. You didn't study English yesterday, _____?		
4. You don't live in an apartment, _____?		
5. You are going on holiday soon, _____?		
6. You can use Photoshop, _____?		
7. You were in class last week, _____?		
8. You have ridden an elephant, _____?		
9. You can't speak three languages, _____?		
10. You won't go abroad this year, _____?		
11. You haven't been to China, _____?		
12. You like cycling, _____?		
13. You _____?		
14. You _____?		