

Activity Type

Reading, listening, matching and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Tag questions

Aim

To race to complete sentences with positive or 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

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun question tags game, students race to complete sentences with positive or negative 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.

The student with the question cards shuffles them and places them face down in a pile on the desk.

The other two students shuffle their question 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 reader and say the complete tag question wins and keeps both cards.

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

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 who read out the questions a chance to play.

Question cards

 You were late for school,... (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?
 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?