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GRAMMAR

QUESTION TAGS

Rule 1:

Let's go on an outing, **shall we?**

Let him play football, **will you?**

Sentences beginning with let take 'shall' and 'will' as their tags.

Rule 2:

Read the following sentences with nobody , no one, somebody, anybody or someone as their subjects:

Nobody came out to mediate, **did they?**

Someone in the conference would welcome you, **wouldn't they?**

If the subject of the sentence is 'nobody, 'no one', 'somebody, 'anyone, 'anybody or 'someone' the pronoun in the tag will be 'they'.

Rule 3:

But sometimes you have everything, nothing, something or anything as subject of the sentence:

Everything is in place, **isn't it?**

Nothing can be bought at this hour, **can it?**

When the statement has 'everything', 'nothing', 'something' or 'anything' as the subject, the subject of the tag will be it.

Rule 4:

Sometimes you will come across statements containing semi-negative words such as seldom, hardly, Scarcely, rarely and few:

Barking dogs **seldom** bite, **do they?**

It hardly makes a difference, **does it?**

If the statement contains semi-negative words, the tag will be positive,

EXERCISE

Add Question Tags to the sentences given below: One has been done for you.

1. Literature is an interesting subject,
isn't it..
2. Billiards is not very popular in India,

3. Too many cooks spoil the broth,
4. India's performance was poor yesterday,
5. Don't talk while you drive,
6. She has a lot to do,
7. Jeff is a good boy,
8. He made a terrible mistake,
9. I have a new pair of scissors ,i
10. She is a kind woman
11. Don't spit on the road,.....
12. The sailor lost all his ships,.....
13. Our country is progressing by leaps and bounds,
14. Next Olympics will be held in 2012,
15. He played well,