

Question tags

A question tag is added to the end of a sentence turning it into a question.
In German you use expressions like "..., *nicht wahr?*" "..., *oder?*" in a similar way.

- If the statement is positive, the question tag is negative.
- If the statement is negative, the question tag is positive.
- The subject of the verb is the same in the statement and the question tag.
Proper names (e.g. Dave) become pronouns (e.g. he).
- If the statement is in the simple present or simple past tense, the question tag uses 'do/don't' or did/didn't'.
- If the statement uses an auxiliary verb (e.g. to be, to have, will, etc.) or a modal (e.g. can, must, etc.) use the modal or auxiliary in the same tense in the tag.

Statement (+)	Tag (-)
Dave knows Paul, It rained hard, Jill will be at the party, Sheila has bought a new car, You can speak English,	doesn't he? didn't it? won't she? hasn't she? can't you?

Statement (-)	Tag (+)
You don't know Stephanie, Andrew didn't ring, The students weren't listening, You haven't got a coin, We can't stop here,	do you? did he? were they? have you? can we?