

UNIT 1 LESSON 4A GRAMMAR

Question Tags and Echo Questions

Part 2: Focus on Echo Questions

SB Exercises 6,7



What are Echo Questions?

✓ What are Echo Questions?

Echo questions are short questions that **repeat part of what someone just said** — usually the **auxiliary verb or modal** — to express **surprise, interest, or confirmation**.

They help **keep the conversation going** in a natural, friendly way.

◆ Example:

- A: I used to live in Aqaba.
- B: **Did you?** That must've been amazing!

✓ ما هي الأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة؟

الأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة هي أسئلة تُستخدم مباشرة بعد سماع معلومة من شخص آخر، ويُعاد فيها استخدام الفعل المساعد أو الفعل الناقص Modal verb من الجملة الأصلية، بهدف التعبير عن الدهشة أو المفاجأة أو الاهتمام.

تُستخدم هذه الأسئلة لتُظهر أن المتحدث مُهتم بما سمعه، وللمساعدة في استمرار الحوار بشكل طبيعي وتفاعلي.

◆ مثال:

أ: كنت أعيش في العقبة.

ب: **حقاً؟ / فعلاً؟ / هل فعلت؟** (تعبر عن الدهشة أو الاهتمام)

Echo Questions Structure Rules

قواعد تركيب الاسئلة التعجبية

Habib: It's my birthday tomorrow.

Faisal: *Is it?* Do you have anything special planned?

Rule Type	English	
Structure Rule	Repeat the auxiliary, modal, or "be" verb + subject (pronoun) .	تكرر الفعل المساعد أو الناقص أو فعل be + الضمير المناسب.
Example	A: He <u>has</u> finished the task. → B: <u>Has</u> he?	
If No Auxiliary Verb	Use do / does / did depending on the tense of the original statement.	إذا لم يوجد فعل مساعد (كالفعل المضارع البسيط)، نستخدم do / does / did حسب زمن الجملة الأصلية.
Example	A: She <u>plays</u> the piano. → B: <u>Does</u> she?	أ: هي تعزف على البيانو. → ب: هل تفعل؟
Another Example	A: You <u>went</u> to the museum. → B: <u>Did</u> you?	أ: ذهبت إلى المتحف. → ب: هل فعلت؟

Ex. 6 Echo Questions Activity

1. What is the function of an echo question?

✓ To show **surprise, interest, or confirmation** of what the other person said.

2. Do we use a positive or a negative question to reply to a positive statement?

✓ We use a **positive** question (e.g., *Is it?*).

3. Which intonation pattern from Exercise 4 do we use with an echo question: A or B?

✓ We use **intonation pattern A** – rising intonation to show surprise or interest.

6 In pairs, look at the echo question *in italics*. Then answer questions 1–3 below.

Habib Actually, it's my birthday tomorrow.

Faisal *Is it?* Do you have anything special planned?

- 1 What is the function of an echo question?
- 2 Do we use a positive or a negative question to reply to a positive statement?
- 3 Which intonation pattern from Exercise 4 do we use with an echo question: A or B?

1. وظيفة Echo Question؟

✓ للتعبير عن الدهشة، أو الاهتمام، أو لتأكيد ما قاله الطرف الآخر.

2. هل نستخدم سؤالاً مثبتاً أم منفيًا للرد على جملة مثبتة؟

✓ نستخدم سؤالاً مثبتاً مثل: *Is it?*

Difference between Tag Questions and Echo Questions

الفرق بين الأسئلة التأكيدية والأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة

	Tag Questions	الأسئلة التأكيدية	Echo Questions	الأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة
Purpose الهدف	To confirm, check agreement, or invite interaction	لتأكيد المعلومة أو طلب الموافقة لإبقاء الحديث مستمراً	To show surprise, interest, or emotional reaction	للتعبير عن الدهشة، المفاجأة، أو إظهار الاهتمام (من قبل شخص آخر)

She can drive, **can't she?**

A: I am moving to Canada.

B: **Are you?**

Difference between Tag Questions and Echo Questions

الفرق بين الأسئلة التأكيدية والأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة

Aspect	Tag Questions	الأسئلة التأكيدية	Echo Questions	الأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة
Position الموقع	At the end of a statement that you say yourself.	الاسئلة التأكيدية تأتي في نهاية جملة المتحدث نفسه (و تكون متصلة و تسبقها فاصلة)	Said in response to what someone else has said	الاسئلة التعجبية قصيرة منفصلة تأتي كرد بعد سماع معلومة من شخص اخر

Manal: It's hot today, **isn't it?**

Abdullah : I just got a new job!
Saeed: **Did you?**

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Structure القواعد التركيبية	Auxiliary/modal + pronoun (referring to subject in your original sentence)	فعل مساعد أو ناقص + ضمير (العائد على فاعل الجملة الاصلية)	Auxiliary/modal + pronoun (referred to by the other speaker)	الفعل المساعد أو الناقص + الضمير (الذي يشير اليه المتحدث السابق)

He can swim , *can't he?*

A: *They've* completed the work.

B: *Have they?*

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Polarity النفى والاثبات	Tag questions switch polarity (positive → negative)	الأسئلة التأكيدية تُغيّر النوع مثبتة → منفية والعكس	Echo questions keep the same polarity (positive → positive / negative → negative)	الأسئلة التعجبية تُكرر نفس النوع (مثبتة → مثبتة / منفية → منفية)

You speak French, **don't** you?



A: She **didn't** come to school today.
B: **Didn't** she?

A: I passed the exam!
B: **Did** you?

Differences between Tag Questions and Echo Questions

الفرق بين الأسئلة التأكيدية والأسئلة التعجبية القصيرة

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Definition	Short questions added at the end of your own sentence	أسئلة قصيرة تُضاف في نهاية جملة من قبل المتحدث نفسه لتأكيد معلومة	Short questions that come after a sentence as a reaction to the statement.	أسئلة قصيرة منفصلة تأتي كرد من شخص آخر بعد سماع معلومة
Purpose	To confirm, check agreement, or invite interaction	لتأكيد المعلومة أو طلب الموافقة لإبقاء الحديث مستمرًا	To show surprise, interest, or emotional reaction	للتعبير عن الدهشة، المفاجأة، أو إظهار الاهتمام
Position	At the end of a statement, you say yourself	في نهاية جملة المتحدث نفسه	Said in response to what someone else has said	تُقال بعد أن يتحدث شخص آخر
Structure	Auxiliary/modal + pronoun (referring to subject in your original sentence) e.g., It is nice, isn't it?	فعل مساعد أو ناقص + ضمير (العائد على فاعل الجملة الأصلية)	Auxiliary/modal + pronoun (referring to the other speaker) A: They've completed the work. B: Have they?	الفعل المساعد أو الناقص + الضمير (الذي يشير الى المتحدث السابق)
Polarity	Tag questions switch polarity (positive → negative)	الأسئلة التأكيدية تُغيّر النوع polarity (positive → negative) مثبتة → منفية والعكس	Echo questions keep the same polarity (positive → positive / negative → negative)	الأسئلة التعجبية تُكرر نفس النوع (مثبتة → مثبتة / منفية → منفية)
Tone	Polite, checking tone; seeks agreement	نبرة مهذبة تُظهر الرغبة في التأكيد أو الموافقة	Expressive, spontaneous reaction	نبرة عاطفية وتلقائية تُظهر الاهتمام أو المفاجأة

More Tag and Echo Questions Practice from Student book and Grammar Reference

- 7  **1.7** Complete the conversation with no more than three words in each gap. Listen and check your answers.



Imad Where would you go on holiday if you could go anywhere in the world?

Jamal ¹_____ a good question, isn't it? I don't think I've ever really thought about it before. Hmm ... Somewhere with nice beaches, I guess.

Imad But ²_____ are lovely beaches in this country, aren't there?

Jamal Oh yes, there are, but I'd like to go to a beach where it's not too hot in the summer. It can be too hot here, ³_____?

Imad Actually, I used to live in France.

Jamal ⁴_____ you? I bet ⁵_____ too hot there in the summer, was it?

Imad No, it was quite cool, actually.

Jamal That sounds great.

4 Unit 1, Lesson 4A Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Let's go to the party,
 - 2 Sorry, I'm putting you on the spot,
 - 3 Somebody told you,
 - 4 Nobody gave you the message,
 - 5 Don't forget,
 - 6 He'll turn the laptop off,
 - 7 You couldn't help me,
 - 8 Come to the party,
- a could you?
 - b aren't I?
 - c shall we?
 - d won't you?
 - e won't he?
 - f did they?
 - g will you?
 - h didn't they?

5 Unit 1, Lesson 4A Complete the questions with the correct question tag.

- 1 He doesn't come across very well, _____?
- 2 You can't let it drop, _____?
- 3 You're going to Amman, _____?
- 4 You haven't seen my mobile, _____?
- 5 I should pay her a compliment when we first meet, _____?
- 6 He's not going to take to you if you insist on having the last word, _____?
- 7 The room looks different ... Someone has moved the sofa, _____?
- 8 Let's get some ice cream, _____?
- 9 Come sit with us, _____?
- 10 Parents need to teach children not to drop litter, _____?
- 11 Pick it up, _____?
- 12 Nobody helped her, _____?
- 13 I'm having lunch with them, _____?
- 14 Don't go out tonight, _____?

حذفت جميع تمارين ال Grammar Reference

من المنهاج

6 Unit 1, Lesson 4A Complete the conversation with question tags or echo questions.

Majeda It's Nadia's birthday party tomorrow.

Lubna ¹_____? Oh, no! I haven't bought her a present yet!

Majeda Well, you only need to buy a little something, ²_____?

Lubna I suppose so – ³_____ that close, are we? What have you bought her?

Majeda Some earrings – they're silver.

Lubna ⁴_____? That's nice. You've been friends for a long time now ... Well, I'll have to think of something too. Let's go to the party together, ⁵_____?

Majeda Good idea! 7 p.m. at mine? Don't be late, ⁶_____?



SB Ex. 7 Tag and Echo Questions Practice

Audioscript 1.7

I = Imad J = Jamal

Imad: Where would you go on holiday if you could go anywhere in the world?

Jamal: That's a good question, isn't it? I don't think I've ever really thought about it before. Hmm... Somewhere with nice beaches, I guess.

Imad : But there are lovely beaches in this country, aren't there?

J: Oh yes, there are, but I'd like to go to a beach where it's not too hot in the summer. It can be too hot here, can't it?

I: Actually, I used to live in France.

J: Did you? I bet it wasn't too hot in the summer, was it?

I: No, it was quite cool, actually.

J: That sounds great.

Echo
Question

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Tag
Questions

Grammar Reference Exercise - Question Tags Ex. 4

✓ Matched Sentences:

1. Let's go to the party, → **c. shall we?**
2. Sorry, I'm putting you on the spot, → **b. aren't I?**
3. Somebody told you, → **h. didn't they?**
4. Nobody gave you the message, → **f. did they?**
5. Don't forget, → **g. will you?**
6. He'll turn the laptop off, → **e. won't he?**
7. You couldn't help me, → **a. could you?**
8. Come to the party, → **d. won't you?**

Note: For friendly invitations, the tag can be **won't you** instead **of will you (in imperative sentences)**.

ملاحظة: عند تقديم دعوة، نستخدم **won't you** في السؤال التأكيدي القصير بدلاً من **will you**

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 - 4** Nobody gave you the message,
 - 5** Don't forget,
 - 6** He'll turn the laptop off,
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 - 8** Come to the party,
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 - f** did they?
 - g** will you?
 - h** didn't they?

Grammar Reference Exercise -Question Tags Ex. 5

Complete the questions with the correct question tag:

1. He doesn't come across very well, **does he?**
2. You can't let it drop, **can you?**
3. You're going to Amman, **aren't you?**
4. You haven't seen my mobile, **have you?**
5. I should pay her a compliment when we first meet, **shouldn't I?**
6. He's not going to take to you if you insist on having the last word, **is he?**
7. The room looks different ... Someone has moved the sofa, **haven't they?**
8. Let's get some ice cream, **shall we?**
9. Come sit with us, **won't you?**
10. Parents need to teach children not to drop litter, **don't they?**
11. Pick it up, **will you?**
12. Nobody helped her, **did they?**
13. I'm having lunch with them, **aren't I?**
14. Don't go out tonight, **will you?**

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- 14 Don't go out tonight, _____?

Grammar Reference Exercise -Question Tags Ex. 6

✓ Completed Dialogue – Exercise 6

Majeda: It's Nadia's birthday party tomorrow.

Lubna: **1 Is it?** Oh, no! I haven't bought her a present yet!

Majeda: Well, you only need to buy a little something, **2 don't you?**

Lubna: I suppose so – **3 we're not** that close, **are we?** What have you bought her?

Majeda: Some earrings – they're silver.

Lubna: **4 Are they?** That's nice. You've been friends for a long time now ... Well, I'll have to think of something too. Let's go to the party together,

5 shall we?

Majeda: Good idea! 7 p.m. at mine? Don't be late, **6 will you?**

Echo Question

Question Tag

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