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#### Why should we learn English?

Because English is the language of Internet, communication, travelling, science, politics, sports and movies. There are around 400 million people all over the world for whom English is their first language and around 600 million people who speak English as their second language not to mention that it is the most commonly studied foreign language in the world.

STAR'S EDITORIAL TEAM

Save Trees, Save Nature, Save Humaníty

Plants and tress take care of you. Plants and trees are considered to be the rescuers of the **nature**. ... Trees are controllers of global warming: Global warming has become a very serious issue nowadays.

## Spectacular and unique trees and forests around the world Avenue of the Baobabs, Madagascar



Madagascar is known for its otherworldlylooking giant baobabs. Baobabs can reach heights of nearly 100 feet and live almost a thousand year.

## Wisteria tunnels, Japan



Wisteria is a type of flowering vine that can be trained to take beautiful shapes. Every year, during the Wisteria Festival (Fuji Matsuri) in late April or early May, they bloom to give us the most beautiful and colourful natural spectacle.

## Rainbow eucalyptus, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines



The rainbow eucalyptus is native to the rainforests of the Philippines, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Their bright coloration appears on the tree's bark which peels off to reveal striking shades of green, purple, orange and pink.

## Cherry blossoms, Japan



From the German city of Bonn, to the grounds of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, to Washington's Tidal Basin, cherry blossoms mark the arrival of spring. The blooming of the cherry blossoms is nothing short of a phenomenon in Japan, with blossom-themed festivals held in many parks around the country. Similarly, in Washington people come from all over for the **National Cherry Blossom** Festival each spring.

## Joshua trees, American Southwest



The American Southwest's famous Joshua trees are not actually trees: They are agave, which are a type of a plant that's able to retain water in its stems. Joshua trees have spines and produce white-green flowers at the tip of their branches in the spring. Joshua trees are found mostly in the Mojave Desert, especially in Joshua Tree National Park in California, and have become one of the region's most defining features.

## **BEAUTIFUL FORESTS AROUND THE WORLD**

**On every continent except Antarctica** there are forests that are utterly enchanting and home to all kinds of interesting flora and fauna. These are just some of the remarkable forests around the world.

## **Hoh Rain Forest (Washington)**



The Hoh Rain Forest in Washington's <u>Olympic</u> **National Park** is a scenic spot covered in green moss and ferns. The lush forest looks like something out of a fairy tale.

## Hallerbos (Belgium)



Known as "the Blue Forest," Belgium's Hallerbos is characterized by giant sequoia trees and large quantities of bluebell flowers. The flowers typically bloom in mid-April, making an incredible springtime scenery. Millions of blooming bluebells work together to form a violet-blue carpet on the forest floor, utterly overwhelming in both sight and smell.

#### Humboldt Redwoods State Park (California)



The redwood forests of America are some of the most beautiful places in the country. The largest redwood state park in California is Humboldt **Redwoods State** Park, with 17,000 acres of ancient redwoods.

#### **Crooked Forest, Poland**



This grove of oddly-shaped pine trees just outside Nowe Czarnowo, West Pomerania, is a man-made wonder, but nobody is quite certain how or why. Some believe that a tool or technique was used when they were planted in the 1930s so that they could be used in ship building. Others speculate that the young saplings were crushed by tanks during the Second

Others speculate that the young saplings were crushed by tanks during the Second World War and that's what made them grow this way. Whatever the reason, the result is one of the strangest forests you are ever likely to see.

## Letea Forest -Romania



Letea covers about 3,000 hectares and is the northernmost subtropical forest in Europe. Almost 700 years old, the forest is located 23 kilometers northwest of the town of Sulina, between the branches of Chilia and Sulina.



#### **Mociar Forest -Romania**

On the way to Sovata resort, there is the oldest forest in our country. Spread over an area of 569 hectares, at an altitude of 400 meters, the Mociar forest shelters about 300 trees aged between 650 and 720 years, and half of the oaks have dried up "in old age". (Photo source: información-romania.ro)



## REVISION

## And now let us not forget what we have learned.

English For Everybody!



# Tag Questions

## WHAT ARE TAG QUESTIONS?

TAG QUESTIONS are really short questions that are onto the end of statements or regular sentences so that they become questions. He's your brother, isn't he? You're hungry, aren't you? They can't afford to buy a new car, can they?

## What is a tag question?

- A tag question is a sentence with a question phrase connected at the end.
- Example:

It's windy today, isn't it?



Sentence part

Tag

## For example:

- She went shopping yesterday, didn't sho
  It is beautiful, isn't it?
- You haven't done your HW,
- They are doing a test,
- The match starts at 6pm

didn't she? isn't it? have you? aren't they? doesn't it?

## Let' practise, shall we?

He studies very hard, \_\_\_\_?
does he?
doesn't he?

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She doesn't know where to go,







Complete each sentence with a question tag.

It's a nice day, \_\_\_\_?

She isn't happy, \_\_\_\_?

She works a lot, \_\_\_\_?

She can't play the piano, \_\_\_\_\_?

### Do you know? or Did you know?

Why do we say "did you know" rather than "do you know"?

Are both correct in all situations? What's the difference, if any?

"Did" is a past tense verb. Therefore, saying "did you know" asks if you have previously known something.
"Do" is the present tense, so saying "do you know" would ask if you currently know.

The **phrase** "<u>did you know"</u> is used when you are asking someone if they know a fact, and you already know that fact. *Did you know the Smith's are selling their house?* 

The phrase <u>"do you know</u>" is usually used when you are trying to find out information that you do not know. *Do you know how to replace a headlight bulb in your car?* 

Díd you know?

Wearables or wearable technology refers to electronic, smart devices that are worn close to and/or on the surface of the skin.

Typically a wearable will tell information concerning your body such as your temperature, how many steps you have taken; however, **wearables** are not limited to this, they can also provide a wide range of date via sensors and online connectivity.

Wearables really started to take off from 2008 with microphones hidden in jewellery and exercise related wearables such as FitBit from 2010 which told wearers how much distance they have run. A couple of years later smart watches were available from a variety of companies, connecting people to the world straight from their wrist.







Students' writing corner The students from the 12th grade have shared their opinions on the advantages and the disadvantages of using the mobile phones.

\* Mobile phones have a lot of advantages and disadvantages. One advantage is that on your phone you can read emails, make calls, read documents and even books. But we cannot avoid the disadvantages. People are always on their phones texting messages and they no longer socialise with those next to them

Ioana Asandei- XII A



•Mobile phones are an option that you can take into consideration when you need a reliable device. Even if they manage to make our lives better, mobile phones can also create a lot of distraction not to mention that the latest models have very high prices Larisa Loghin XII A

\*The benefits of mobile phones are: you can take them anywhere with you, you can take pictures, listen to music, search on the Internet. The disadvantages are related to the fact that they produce a lot of radiation and they can affect your eyes.

Elena Romila-XII A

•The importance of the mobile phone cannot be ignored because it has the ability to influence us both positively and negatively. Mobile phones have become an invention that has finally changed the way we think about communication. They have helped us improve the way we communicate remotely and how we can have access to any information in almost any corner of the world. These devices have become our cameras, our alarm clocks, our way of getting rid of boredom through the access that we have on the Internet. Even if they make our life better, they can also create problems. One disadvantage is that the new mobile phones are very expensive with prices that exceed one thousand euros.

Alexandra Rendaşu



\*The smartphones have many advantages: you can take photos, listen to music, communicate with other people, use the social networks and find resources for your homework. The negative aspects are the following: you get tired very quickly, you can become antisocial or addicted to the smartphone, you may start having headaches if you use this device excessively.

#### Medeea Zachman- XII A

\*The advantages of the smartphone is that it has a volume which makes it suitable to be taken anywhere with us, we can use it anywhere, we can search for any piece of information. We can also use it to take very beautiful photos. Another advantage is that we can watch movies and all kinds of videos.

Amalia Rendaşu- XII A

•Using a smartphone you can read the news, play games, listen to music or watch a movie. It is also much easier to checks your emails or even your bank account. Smartphones can be the ideal device to find the perfect concert or restaurant. Using various apps you can get information on where to go or what to do all based on your current location.

But phones can also generate extra costs and isolate you from the real world. You should avoid becoming obsessed with constantly checking your phone. Also make sure that you have a strong password, adequate



protection against viruses and screen lock.

Petronela Pintilie- XII A

• I consider that the smartphone is a very useful device, having an importance that cannot be ignored; there are a lot of advantages and disavantages related to using the smartphone. They offer us the possibility to communicate instantly with whoever we want, to be connected with people from all over the world

#### Narcis Gavril XII A



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