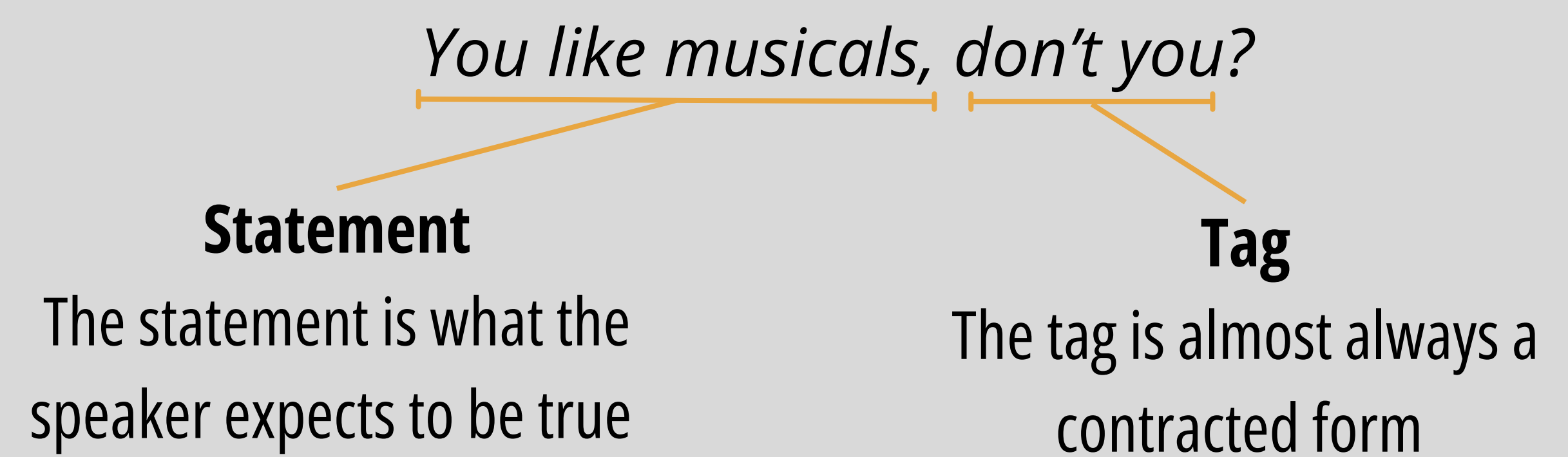


# Tag Question Checklist

We use tag questions in spoken English to check information and to invite others to agree with us

1

Tag questions consist of **statements followed by tags**



*You don't like horror movies, do you?  
She hardly talks to you, does she?*

Negative statements include **not** or other words like **hate, never, or hardly**

2

Positive statements have **negative tags, and vice versa**

3

The verb in the tag is the helper verb from the statement or **Be**

*You want tea, **don't** you?  
I **shouldn't** smoke, **should** I?*

Where there is no helper verb, use **do** as if the sentence is emphatic (you do want tea)

*They didn't have a chance, did they?  
We haven't been there, have we?  
Finnegan will teach your class, won't he?*

4

The tense is the same in the statement and tag

5

Tags include a **subject pronoun or there**

*Heinrich doesn't eat meat, does **he**?  
There's a lot to say, isn't **there**?  
Someone is crying, aren't **they**?*

*You've been to Europe, haven't you? ↗ ↗*  
= I suspect you've been to Europe - am I right?  
*It was a great film, wasn't it? ↘ ↘*  
= I thought the film was great, please agree

6

In the tag, rising intonation indicates a real question