

## Presentation: A blog entry

1 Read the blog and answer the questions.

- 1 What decision does Average Teen face?
- 2 What career is Average Teen thinking about?
- 3 What makes the decision so difficult?
- 4 What is one advantage of vocational studies?

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# Average Teen

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## Thinking about the future

Today I'm trying to decide what comes after secondary school. I want to continue in education. However, I don't know which is better for me: Sixth Form college or Further Education college.

I could do the Sixth Form and finish with A-levels, couldn't I? I enjoy maths and the sciences and I find technology interesting. So if I did the Sixth Form, then I could study engineering at university. Alternatively, I could do vocational studies at a Further Education college. That would definitely give me more work experience, and besides, the modules in electricity and electronics or civil engineering look interesting.

There is so much choice, isn't there? I don't know where to start. I think I'm the same as a lot of students, aren't I?

It would be great to go to university. However, it's expensive and at the moment there's no guarantee of a job afterwards, is there?

Further Education colleges offer combined work and study experience, so that might make it easier to get a job. Either type of college takes approximately the same amount of time to finish, so I think the choice really depends on what I want to focus on in the future.

Does anyone have any advice?

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## A blog entry

Blogs are informal pieces of writing that tell the reader about somebody's life or discuss topical issues. The language used is informal and it often feels as if the writer is talking to the reader.

## Remember!

Question tags are a good way to attract the reader's attention and make them feel they are being spoken to directly.

*There is so much choice, isn't there?*

When you write a question tag, remember that the tag must be the opposite form of the verb in the main part of the question.

*I could study engineering, couldn't I?*



## Practice: A blog entry

### Question tags

**Affirmative question tag: after a negative verb / clause**

He **didn't** do his homework, **did** he?

**There's no** guarantee of a job afterwards, **is** there?

**Negative question tag: after an affirmative verb / clause**

I **could** do the bachillerato, **couldn't** I?

There **is** so much choice, **isn't** there?

**When the main sentence has no auxiliary verb, use do**

You like playing tennis, **don't** you?

### Typical errors

He ~~was~~ at school yesterday, ~~didn't~~ he? ✗

He ~~was~~ at school yesterday, ~~wasn't~~ he? ✓

~~They were~~ never at university, ~~weren't~~ they? ✗

They ~~were~~ never at university, ~~were~~ they? ✓

I'm ~~going~~ to university, ~~amn't~~ I? ✗

I'm ~~going~~ to university, ~~aren't~~ I? ✓

### 1 Circle the correct words.

You know what you want to study, don't / do you?

1 He wrote a blog about travelling, **didn't** / **isn't** he?

2 We never visited that museum, **didn't** / **did** we?

3 I'm right to sign up for this course, **aren't** / **am** I?

4 They weren't at the match, **were** / **weren't** they?

5 I didn't do my homework yesterday, **didn't** / **did** I?

### 2 Complete the dialogue between Charlotte (C) and Jason (J) with the question tags in the box.

am I   do you   do you   hasn't he   is it   wouldn't you

C So, this is a blog, is it ?

J That's right. It's a website that is updated regularly.

C You don't keep a blog, <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

J No, I don't. I do read some blogs though.

My favourite one is Adam's Adventures. He blogs about his travels.

C He's travelled a lot, <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

J All over the world. Recently, he was in Asia. He went scuba diving in the Philippines and cruised on a junk boat in Vietnam. You'd like to go to Asia, <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

C I'd love to. I really want to visit Japan and try some real sushi. You don't like sushi, <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

J Not much, no. I'm not a good dinner companion, <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 3 Rewrite the questions as question tags.

Is he good at football? (+)

He's good at football, isn't he?

Is he good at football? (-)

He isn't good at football, is he?

1 Does she enjoy cycling? (+)

2 Are they going to recycle that? (-)

3 Are you reading that report? (+)

4 Did we do our best? (-)

## Final Writing Task

### A blog entry

**Write a blog about an issue that concerns you. Use the blog on page 19 as an example.**

- Include one or two question tags to keep the reader interested: *You know what I mean, don't you?*