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Unité 14 Les réponses courtes et les tags

Communication interpersonnelle

Réponses brèves, pour répondre « oui » ou « non »

Is she in the room?	→	Yes she is/No she isn't
Was he ready?	→	Yes he was/No he wasn't
Have you finished?	→	Yes I have/No I haven't
Had they told you before they wrote?	→	Yes they had/No they hadn't
Will she call?	→	Yes she will/No she won't
Would you do it?	→	Yes I would/No I wouldn't
Can you speak Japanese?	→	Yes I can/No I can't
Do you like anatomy ?	→	Yes I do/No I don't
Did they catch their train?	→	Yes they did/No they didn't

Question-tags : n'est-ce pas ?

- Après une phrase affirmative → auxiliaire + not + sujet
 - The surgeon has arrived, hasn't he?
 - She'll be here by 3pm, won't she?
 - They arrived yesterday, didn't they?

- Après une phrase négative → auxiliaire + sujet
 - You were not in the room, were you?
 - He hadn't finished, had he?
 - We never drink tea, do we?

- **Attention, l'intonation utilisée modifie complètement le sens :**
 - Si l'intonation est descendante : il s'agit d'une manie de langage.
 - Si l'intonation est montante : il s'agit d'une vraie question.

Moi aussi / moi non plus

So + auxiliaire + sujet Ex : I love chocolate
So do I!

Neither + auxiliaire + sujet Ex : She hasn't finished.
Neither has he!

Si!/mais si ! Why didn't you call me? I **did** (↘), but the line was busy.

Ah bon ! The match was fantastic. Was it?

Attention à l'intonation, qui donne un sens différent selon qu'elle est ascendante ou descendante.

- Si l'intonation est descendante, il s'agit d'une manie de langage (n'est-ce-pas ?)

↘ ↘

Ex. Nevertheless, there were no safety studies, were there? (le locuteur en est sûr, ce n'est pas une vraie question)

- Si l'intonation est montante, il s'agit d'une vraie question (vraiment ?, vous êtes sûr ?)

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Ex. He believes in alternative medicine, doesn't he? (c'est une vraie question)