Background Information Unit 1

Lesson 2: The right person for the right work

Question Tags

Question tags are formed with the auxiliary or modal verb from the statement and the appropriate subject.

A positive statement is followed by a negative question tag.

Jack is from Spain, (isn't he)?

A negative statement is followed by a positive question tag.

They aren't funny, (are they)?

When the verb in the main sentence is in the Simple Present, we form the question tag with do / does.

You play the guitar, (don't you)? /

Alison likes tennis, (doesn't she)?

If the verb is in the Simple Past, we use did.

They went to the cinema, didn't they?

Lesson 3: Apply in writing

Here is a table of quantifiers which summarizes which types of nouns (countable, uncountable, or both) quantifiers can be used with.

Countable	Uncountable	Both	
many, a few, few, very few, several		some, enough, a lot of, lots of	

Additional information:

 much and many are used in negative sentences and questions.

How much rice is there?
How many students passed the exam?
There isn't much rice left.
Not many students passed the exam.

- for affirmative sentences, a lot of (or lots of) is used.
 We bought a lot of apples.
 They drank a lot of orange juice.
- a little and a few indicate a quantity or number.
 There is a little milk in that bottle.
 Henry has a few friends in New York.
- little, very little, few and very few indicate a limited quantity.