Day 16

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If the sentence starts with the Subject, it is either a <u>statement</u> or a <u>tag question</u>.

     E.g.   Your office is very busy today. ➔ Statement

          The hotel <u>is</u> close to the airport, <u>isn't it</u>? ➔ Tag question

A tag question is a short question (e.g. is it? / isn't it?) that follows a statement and invites the hearer to respond to the statement. Negative tags expect a 'Yes' answer, positive a 'No' reply.

         <u>affirmative</u>   <u>negative</u> + <u>subject pronoun</u>

      The hotel <u>isn't</u> close to the airport, <u>is it</u>?

          <u>negative</u>   <u>affirmative</u> + <u>subject pronoun</u>

As with yes/no questions, answers will usually begin with yes or no, but it may be omitted.