

XIII QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, NEGATIVES

Put in appropriate question tags and echo tags.

I asked for my favourite perfume at the perfume counter of a large department store. "We don't have that, **do we?**" the snooty assistant asked her colleague, as if I had just tried to buy a bag of onions. I was about to leave the counter when I saw a girl of about twelve to slip away from her mother, seize a huge bottle of perfume from the counter and put it into her carrier bag. I gasped! "Excuse me," I said. "Your daughter has just stolen a large bottle of perfume!" The mother looked at me in amazement. "She **has?**" "That's right," I said. She turned to her daughter. "You didn't steal that big bottle that was on display, **did you?**" The girl nodded. "You did, **didn't you?**" "Yes, mum," the girl confessed. "I've told you hundreds of times, **haven't I,** that the big one on display is a *dummy*." She angrily took the bottle from her daughter and put it back on display. "You should always take one of the boxed ones at the back, **shouldn't you?** You do understand that, **don't you?**" She helped herself to a boxed one and both she and her daughter disappeared into the crowd quick as a flash.

Put in suitable additions and responses.

"What are you having to start with?" I asked my wife. "I don't know," she said. "I'm not very hungry." "**Neither/Nor am I,**" I answered, "but I think I'll start with soup." "**So will I,**" my wife said. The waiter took our order. "My wife would like some soup and **so would I,**" I said. When the waiter brought the soup, I noticed a monkey sitting on a chair beside me. Suddenly, the monkey's tail was in my soup! "Waiter! Waiter!" I cried. "There's a monkey's tail in my soup!" "**So there is!**" the waiter exclaimed. "I can't remove it," I said. "**Neither/Nor can I,**" the waiter said. "This monkey belongs to the restaurant pianist and he won't let anyone touch it." I spoke to the pianist. "Do you know there's a monkey's tail in my soup?" I asked. "No," the pianist answered, "but if you hum it to me, I'll be glad to play it for you."

Put in When?, Where?, Which?, Who? or Whose?.

What we believe depends on our view of the world. For example, if we ask, "**When** was America discovered?", most of us would think of Christopher Columbus in 1492. But Chinese children learnt that Hui Shen, a Buddhist monk, got to America 1000 years earlier than Columbus. **Who** was printing invented by and **which** year was it invented? You immediately think of Gutenberg in 1436, but Chinese children learnt that it was invented by Bi Shen in 1041. **Whose** invention is spaghetti? It's the invention of the Italians, you will say. Wrong again. The Chinese had it before them. **Where** and **when** was the compass invented? Answer: in China in 200 B.C. **Where** was silk-making invented? Not in Persia, as you might think, but in China. **Which** was the first country to put a man into space and **who** was he? The Soviet Union, you will say and the man's name was Yuri Gagarin. But according to the Chinese, Wan Hu made an attempt long before Yuri. **When**, do you think? - In A.D. 1500! He sat in a chair attached to 47 rockets, holding a giant kite which would help him return to earth. He never came back!

Match the questions and the answers.

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| 1 How do you do? | a) I'd love to. That's very kind of you. |
| 2 How are you? | b) It was very enjoyable. |
| 3 How have you been? | c) Not bad, but I had a cold last week. |
| 4 How's life? | d) How do you do? |

5 How's the garden?

6 How about going to the cinema?

7 How was the concert?

8 How would you like to have lunch with us?

e) Yes. That's a nice idea. Let's.

f) Coming along nicely. The tulips are just coming out.

g) Very well, thank you. And you?

h) Fine! How's life with you?

1d, 2g, 3c, 4h, 5f, 6e, 7b, 8a