

STATEMENT/REINFORCEMENT TAGS

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Statement tags (also called reinforcement tags) come at the end of a statement and emphasize or reinforce what the speaker has said. They are very informal and take the following form: Subject+ auxiliary/modal verb

A:I'm bored with this, I am. (stronger than I'm bored with this) – B: Me too.

A: My Maths teacher was lovely. He was a great teacher, he was.

B: Hm, you were lucky. Mine wasn't so good.

That's a great restaurant, that is.

We had a great time at the barbecue, we did.

James should spend more time in the kitchen, he should.

That was the best meal ever, that was.

When the main clause has a subject pronoun, a statement tag can have a noun as the subject instead of a pronoun. This construction is similar to a tail construction.

She won some money last week, Mary did.

He was a great teacher, Mr Mark was.

She really enjoys cooking, Nancy does.