

## **TAG QUESTIONS AS PRAGMA-COGNITIVE DISCOURSE MARKERS**

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The article looks into the pragmatics of tag questions and advocates that due to its complexity it cannot be adequately defined on the level of an isolated sentence. Rather than focusing on the lexical and semantic properties of tag questions one has to adopt a broader perspective centering on the function of tag questions in discourse. Such a perspective reveals a crucial role of tag questions as discourse markers explicating qualitative changes occurring in the speaker / hearer meta-knowledge.