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Sommario/riassunto

This article proposes a classification of speech functions of variable tag
 questions in British English conversations. Based on intonational,
 conversational and formal criteria the analysis shows that tag questions
 can not only function as questions and statements, but also as
 responses, commands and offers. A large group of tag questions
 cannot be captured by any of the traditional speech functions and are
 classified instead as Statement-Question blends. The article
 investigates the impact of the LLC and COLT corpora, and features such
 as gender, age and social roles, on the distribution of t