

Note that although the word 吗 is also a question particle, it is attached to the end of a complete sentence only.

Examples:

Question: Wáng Xiǎomèi qù xué tiàowǔ, nǐ ne?

王小妹去学跳舞，你呢？

Xiaomei Wang is going to learn how to dance, how about you?

(Incorrect: 王小妹去学跳舞，你吗?)

Answer: Wǒ yě qù xué tiàowǔ.

我也去学跳舞。

I'm going to learn how to dance, too.

Question: Sūshān bù qù Wáng Xiǎonián de shēngrì wǎnhuì, Yuēhàn ne?

苏珊不去王小年的生日晚会，约翰呢？

Susan is not going to Xiaonian Wang's birthday party, how about John?

(Incorrect: 苏珊不去王小年的生日晚会，约翰吗?)

Answer: Yuēhàn yě bù qù.

约翰也不去。

John is not going either.

呢 can be used at the end of a question to indicate uncertainty. Very often it functions to soften the tone of the question.

Examples:

Shísì lù chēzhàn zài nǎr ne?

14路车站在哪儿呢？

Where is #14 bus stop? (The speaker is not sure.)

Yuēhàn shì bù shì Měiguó rén ne?

约翰是不是美国人呢？

Is John an American? (The speaker is not sure.)