

## How long does it take . . . ?

A

How long does it take to get from . . . to . . . ?

How long **does it take to get** from New York to Washington, D.C., by plane?**It takes** an hour.

- How long **does it take to get** from Los Angeles to New York by train?
- It takes** several days **to get** from Los Angeles to New York by train.
- How long **does it take to get** from your house to the airport by car?
- It takes** ten minutes **to get** from my house to the airport by car.

B

How long does it take to do something?

How long	<b>does</b>	<b>it take to . . . ?</b>
	<b>did</b>	
	<b>will</b>	

It	<b>takes</b>	<b>took</b>	<b>will take</b>	<b>to . . .</b>
	<b>doesn't</b>	<b>take</b>	<b>long</b>	
	<b>didn't</b>			
	<b>won't</b>			

- How long **does it take to cross** the Atlantic by ship?
- "I came by train." "You did? How long **did it take (to get here)?**"
- How long **will it take to get** from here to the hotel?
- It takes** a long time **to learn** a language.
- It doesn't take** long **to make** an omelet.
- It won't take** long **to fix** the computer.

C

How long does it take you to do something?



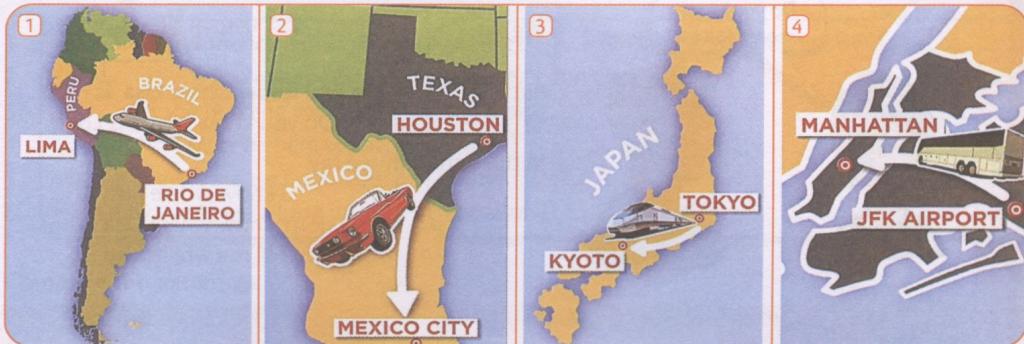
I started reading the book on Monday.  
I finished it on Wednesday evening.

**It took me** three days **to read** it.

How long	<b>does</b>	<b>it take</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>to . . . ?</b>
	<b>did</b>			
It	<b>takes</b>	<b>took</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>to . . .</b>
	<b>will take</b>		<b>Tom</b>	
			<b>them</b>	

- How long **will it take me to learn** to drive?
- It takes Tom** 20 minutes **to get** to work in the morning.
- It took us** an hour **to do** the shopping.
- Did it take you** a long time **to find** a job?
- It will take me** an hour **to cook** dinner.

## Exercises

46.1 Look at the pictures and write questions with **How long ... ?**

1 How long does it take to get from Rio de Janeiro to Lima by plane?

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46.2 How long does it take to do these things? Write complete sentences.

1 fly from your city/country to Los Angeles  
*It takes about 11 hours to fly from Seoul to Los Angeles.*

2 fly from your city/country to Australia

3 become a doctor in your country

4 walk from your home to the nearest supermarket

5 get from your house to the nearest airport

46.3 Write questions with **How long did it take ... ?**

1 (Jane found a job.) *How long did it take her to find a job?*

2 (I walked to the station.) *How long did it take you to walk to the station?*

3 (Tom painted the bathroom.) *How long did it take Tom to paint the bathroom?*

4 (I learned to ski.) *How long did it take you to learn to ski?*

5 (They repaired the car.) *How long did it take them to repair the car?*

46.4 Read the situations and write sentences with **It took ...**

1 I read a book last week. I started reading it on Monday. I finished it three days later.  
*It took me three days to read the book.*

2 We walked home last night. We left at 10:00, and we got home at 10:20.

3 I learned to drive last year. I had my first driving lesson in January. I passed my driving test six months later.

4 Mark drove to Houston yesterday. He left home at 7:00 and got to Houston at 10:00.

5 Lisa began looking for a job a long time ago. She got a job last week.

6 Write a sentence about yourself.