

Verbs: Take (With Time)

FORM:

How long $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{did} \\ \text{does} \\ \text{will} \end{array} \right\} + \text{it take} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{me} \\ \text{you} \\ \text{him} \\ \text{her} \\ \text{it} \\ \text{us} \\ \text{them} \\ \text{(name)} \\ \text{(blank)} \end{array} \right\} + \text{infinitive of verb....?}$

How long does it take to get to Vancouver by plane?
How long does it take you to get to school on foot?

$\text{It takes} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{me} \\ \text{you} \\ \text{him} \\ \text{her} \\ \text{it} \\ \text{us} \\ \text{them} \\ \text{(name)} \\ \text{(blank)} \end{array} \right\} + \text{time} + \text{infinitive of verb.}$

It takes me two hours to drive to see my grandparents.

OR

I/You/We/They + **take** + time + infinitive of verb.
He/She/It + **takes** + time + infinitive of verb.

*I **take** three hours to finish one book.*
*He **takes** five hours to drive to his grandmother's place.*

This form can be used in the past, present and future.
It took me three days to finish my project.
It will take me three days to finish my project.

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Answer the following questions.

1. How long does it take you to get to school?

2. How long does it take you to wash the car?

3. How long does it take you to get ready in the morning?

4. How long does it take you to shop for groceries?

5. How long does it take a letter to get to Vancouver?

6. How long does it take to fly from New York to Los Angeles?

7. How long does it take to go to Philadelphia by train?

8. How long does it take you to send an e-mail?

Answer these questions using IT TAKES, IT TOOK or IT WILL TAKE.

1. How long does it take you to go from your home to the nearest bank?

2. Does it take longer to go from New York to Chicago by plane or by train?

3. How long did it take you to eat your dinner last night?

4. How long does it generally take you to get over a cold?

5. How long will it take you to finish reading that novel?

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Change each of the sentences below so that it begins with IT TAKES, IT TOOK, or IT WILL TAKE as required.

E.g. He'll arrive in Madison in 5 days.

It will take him 5 days to arrive in Madison.

1. He learned to dance in just a few months.

2. He recovered from his illness in two months.

3. They built the house in one year.

4. I wash and dress each morning in fifteen minutes.

5. We will eat our lunch in only fifteen or twenty minutes.

6. The package reached him in two days.

Make sentences using IT + TAKE to express length of time.

1. She drove to Vancouver. (Length of time: one week)

2. The children walk to school. (Length of time: 15 minutes)

3. Antonio finished the project. (Length of time: three hours)

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4. They will go to work by bus during rush hour. (Length of time: forty-five minutes)

5. Molly painted that picture. (Length of time: one month)

6. Pamela talks on the phone with her mother every week. (Length of time: a half an hour)

7. Samantha gets ready for work in the morning. (Length of time: one hour)

8. I clean my apartment every Saturday morning. (Length of time: two hours)