

# 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	does did will	it take to . . . ?	It	takes took will take	a week a long time three hours	to . . .
				doesn't didn't won't	take long	

- 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?



Day 1                      Day 2                      Day 3

I started reading the book on Monday.

I finished it on Wednesday evening.

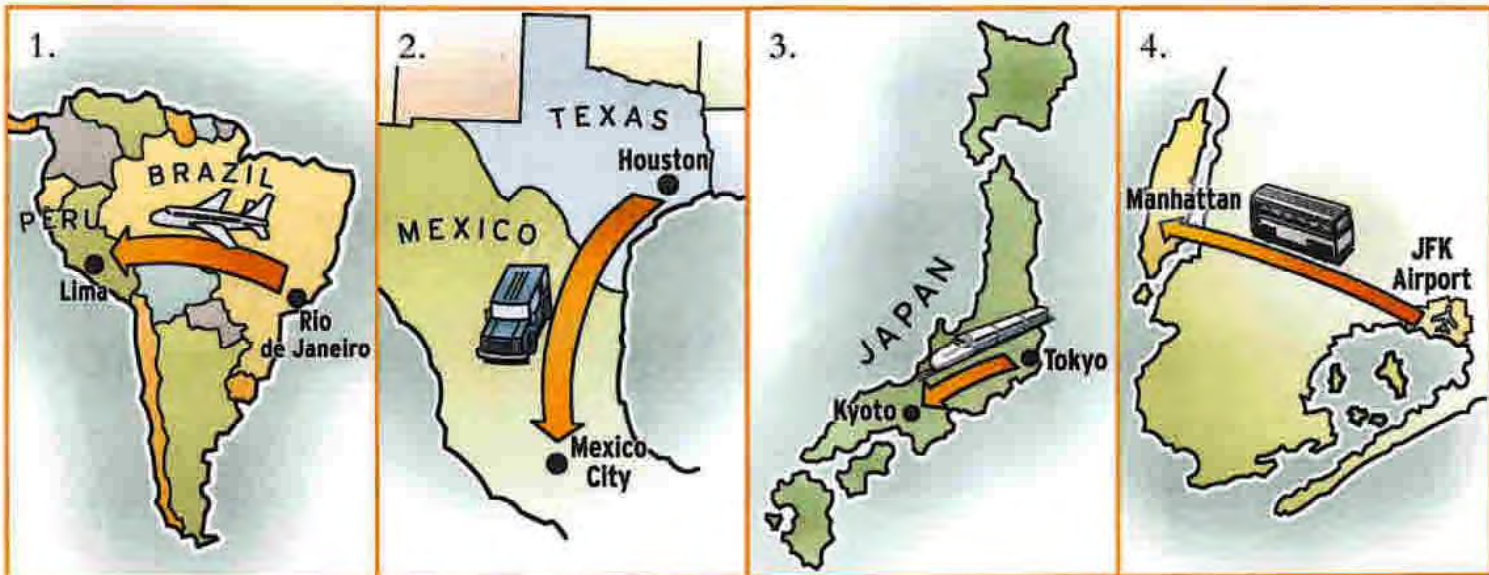
**It took me** three days **to read** it.

How long	does did will	it take	you Tom them	to . . . ?
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- 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.

## 49.1 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?
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## 49.2 How long does it take to do these things? Write full 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  
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3. become a doctor in your country  
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4. walk from your home to the nearest supermarket  
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5. get from your house to the nearest airport  
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## 49.3 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.) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_
3. (Tom painted the bathroom.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. (I learned to ski.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. (They repaired the computer.) \_\_\_\_\_

## 49.4 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.  
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3. I learned to drive last year. I had my first driving lesson in January. I passed my driving test six months later.  
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4. Mark drove to Houston yesterday. He left home at 7:00 and got to Houston at 10:00.  
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5. Lisa began looking for a job a long time ago. She got a job last week.  
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6. Write a sentence about yourself.  
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