



Let's practise using "take time to" to improve your English!

i With the help of the phrase "It takes..." you can express how much time you need for something. You always start the sentence with "It takes" which is then followed by an object, a time expression and the infinitive with to. For example: It takes me half an hour to do my homework.

Present Simple:

Positive: It takes him ten minutes to go to school.

Negative: It doesn't take him ten minutes to go to school.

Question: Does it take him ten minutes to go to school?

Past Simple:

Positive: It took him ten minutes to go to school.

Negative: It didn't take him ten minutes to go to school.

Question: Did it take him ten minutes to go to school?

Will-Future:

Positive: It will take him ten minutes to go to school.

Negative: It won't take him ten minutes to go to school.

Question: Will it take him ten minutes to go to school?

Fill in the correct form of take in the following sentences:

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Last week it _____ me one hour to cook dinner.

- ☐ took
- ☐ takes
- ☐ will take

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How long _____ you to do the homework tomorrow?

- ☐ did it take
- ☐ does it take
- ☐ will it take

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It usually _____ her half an hour to do the dishes.

Fill in the correct form of "take".





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I hope it _____ us too long to prepare the barbecue.

- ☐ will take
- ☐ won't take
- ☐ takes

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I fear it _____ him quite a long time to learn the words.

Fill in the correct form of "take".



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How long _____ father to repair his car yesterday?

- ☐ will it take
- ☐ did it take
- ☐ does it take

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How long _____ John to repair the garden fence last week?

- ☐ did it take
- ☐ will it take
- ☐ does it take

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It _____ him that long to write the essay.

- ☐ don't always take
- ☐ doesn't always take
- ☐ didn't always take

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Last year it _____ us five hours to drive to Italy.

Fill in the correct form of "take".



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