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UNDERSTANDING DURATION: USING “HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE ...?”

UNIT 48



UNDERSTANDING DURATION

In English, we often need to inquire about the duration of activities or events. The phrase "How long does it take ...?" helps us ask about the time required to complete a specific task. This lesson will cover the structure, usage, examples, and variations of this question.



"HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE ...?"

Is a common English phrase used to inquire about the duration of a specific activity or event. It allows speakers to ask for information regarding the time required to complete a task, travel to a destination, or perform an action.

Structure:

"How long" (duration) + "does it take" (auxiliary verb) + [activity/task].

Example:

Question: How long does it take to get to the airport?

Answer: It takes about 30 minutes.



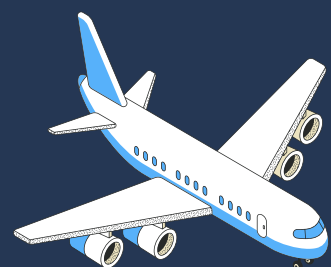
USAGE

1

Travel

Asking about the duration of a journey.

Example: "How long does it take to drive to New York?"



2

Cooking

Inquiring about the time needed for a recipe.

Example: "How long does it take to bake a cake?"



3

Learning

Asking about the time required to master a skill.

Example: "How long does it take to learn Spanish?"



4

Events

Finding out the duration of an event or activity.

Example: "How long does it take to finish the marathon?"



VARIATIONS

You can also use other forms to ask about duration:

1

"How much time does it take ...?"

Example: "How much time does it take to learn to play the guitar?"

2

"How long will it take ...?" (for future inquiries)

- Example: "How long will it take to finish the project?"

3

"How long does it usually take ...?" (for general inquiries)

- Example: "How long does it usually take to get a driver's license?"



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