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Basics. Asking About Duration: How Long Does It Take?

Easy | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | Auxiliary verb | Infinitive | Object | Present tense | Pronoun | Questions | Subject | Verb | Simple tense | Word order

1. Help the new student figure out their morning commute. Select the correct word for each gap.

"How _____ does it _____ to get to campus?"
"It _____ about twenty minutes by bus."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
- **A)** much
- **B)** long
- **C)** many

Blank 2
- **A)** takes
- **B)** make
- **C)** take

Blank 3
- **A)** take
- **B)** takes
- **C)** taking

2. Help the excited teenagers plan their beach trip by dragging the correct words into their conversation.

"How _____ does it _____ to drive to the beach?"
"It _____ about two hours, so we should leave soon!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
- **A)** far
- **B)** long
- **C)** much

Blank 2
- **A)** make
- **B)** take
- **C)** do

Blank 3
- **A)** needs
- **B)** takes
- **C)** wants

3. Help Leo complain about his mountain of homework. Select the correct option for each blank.

"How long _____ it take _____ finish this math worksheet?"
"I don't know, but it usually _____ me two hours!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
- **A)** do
- **B)** is
- **C)** does

Blank 2
- **A)** for
- **B)** to
- **C)** at

Blank 3

- **A)** take
- **B)** takes
- **C)** taking

4. Complete the hungry student's interview with the pastry chef by dragging the right words into the blanks.

"Excuse me, chef! How long _____ it take _____ bake a chocolate cake?"
"Usually, it takes forty-five _____."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** do
- **B)** does
- **C)** is

Blank 2

- **A)** for
- **B)** to
- **C)** at

Blank 3

- **A)** clocks
- **B)** minutes
- **C)** times

5. Help the new university student figure out their morning commute! Select ALL the grammatically correct questions they could ask.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** How long does it take to get to the campus?
- **B)** How long does it take you to walk to school?
- **C)** How long it takes to go to the university?
- **D)** How long does take it to drive there?

6. Help the excited friends plan their road trip to the beach by choosing the correct word.

"How long _____ it take to drive to the coast?" asked Sarah, already packing her sunglasses.

Select one.

- **A)** do
- **B)** does
- **C)** is
- **D)** has

7. Your roommate is staring at the oven with a very hungry look. Select ALL the correct ways they can ask you about the cooking time.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** How long does it take to make dinner?
- **B)** How long does it take to bake the pizza?
- **C)** How long time does it take to cook?
- **D)** How long do it take to finish the soup?

8. Complete the hungry teenager's question to the pastry chef.

"This smells amazing! How long does _____ take to bake a giant chocolate cake?"

Select one.

- **A)** this
- **B)** that
- **C)** it
- **D)** he

9. Complete the text messages between two friends planning a baking disaster. Choose the best word for each gap.

Sam: I want to bake a chocolate cake. How _____ _____ it take to make one?
Alex: Usually, it _____ an hour, but for you... maybe three hours!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** far
- **B)** time
- **C)** long

Blank 2

- **A)** do
- **B)** does
- **C)** is

Blank 3

- **A)** taking
- **B)** takes
- **C)** is taking

10. Choose the right word to complete the impatient musician's question.

"I want to be a rock star by next Tuesday. How long does it _____ to learn the guitar?"

Select one.

- **A)** take
- **B)** takes
- **C)** taking
- **D)** took

11. Your friend just bought a brand-new acoustic guitar and wants to know what to expect. Select ALL the grammatically correct questions your friend could ask you.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** How long does it take to learn the guitar?
- **B)** How long does it take to play a simple song?
- **C)** How long does it takes to learn music?
- **D)** How long does it take learning the guitar?

12. Help the new employee figure out her morning commute by dragging the correct words into the text messages.

"How long does _____ take you to get to the office?"
"It takes _____ half an _____ by train."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** he
- **B)** it
- **C)** this

Blank 2

- **A)** I
- **B)** me
- **C)** my

Blank 3

- **A)** clock
- **B)** hour
- **C)** time