

# 1 Travelling Around

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grammar Notes

### Questions: How far / How long

**How far** is it from Hong Kong to Taiwan?  
**How long** does it take to go there?



It's very close. It's only 18 **centimetres** on the map! It takes only a few **minutes**.

We use '**How far**' to ask about distance.

**How far** is it from the taxi rank to the hotel?

We use '**How long**' to ask about the time needed to get to a place.

**How long** does it take to go from here to the bus terminal?

### Grammar Tip

The word 'it' here only helps tell the subject. It does not refer to a thing.

## Warm-up

**A** Jasper and Matt are on an outing. Circle the correct answers.

① **How far / How long** is it from here to the tree house?

Around 1.5 km.

② **How far / How long** does it take to walk from here to the tree house?

About half an hour.

③ **How far is it / How far does it take** from the tree house to the picnic site?

About 800 m.

④ **How long is it / How long does it take** to walk from here to the tuck shop?

Only 10 mins.





We use **noun phrases** (**numbers** + **units**) to describe distances and the length of time.

Units of distances	
metre(s) / m	kilometre(s) / km

Units of the length of time	
minute(s) / min(s).	hour(s) / hr(s).

It is **a hundred metres** from the hotel to the airport.  
 It takes about **one and a half hours** to go from here to the pier.

**Grammar Tip**

1.5 hrs. = one and a half hours  
 1.5 km = one and a half kilometres



**Common Errors**

- ✓ It **takes** about an hour to get there.
- ✗ It **is** about an hour to get there.

**Grammar Tip**

We use the verb 'take' to talk about the time needed.

- It **takes / is** about fifteen minutes to go to the library from the bus stop.
- It **takes / is** 900 metres from the bus stop to the library.

**Warm-up**

**B** Jasper is walking around his neighbourhood. Look at the map and fill in the blanks with the correct noun phrases.



- It is \_\_\_\_\_ from home to the library.
- It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to walk from home to the library.
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ from the library to the park.
- It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to walk from the library to the park.
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ from the park to school.
- It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to walk from the park to school.

## Practice



Jasper is talking with Ellie on the phone. Complete their conversation with 'How far', 'How long' and the correct noun phrases.



: Hey, Jasper. ① \_\_\_\_\_ does it take for you to go home from the sports centre?



: It takes about ② \_\_\_\_\_ (1 hr.).



: Shall we go to the park after you arrive home? ③ \_\_\_\_\_ is it from home to the park?



: It is about ④ \_\_\_\_\_ (400 m).




:  ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ for us to get there from home?



: It takes only ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (10 mins.). But can I grab some food from the fast-food shop first? I'm very hungry.



:  ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ from the sports centre to the shop?



: It is about ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (155 m). I will run to the shop because I'm so hungry. It will only take me ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ (2 mins.) to get there!





Hint: Q5

Which verb do you use to talk about the length of time?

## Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-8.

1. It takes about two kilometres from Emma's home to school. Emma usually goes to school by MTR. It is about 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. fifteen minute for her to get to Tin Hau. From the MTR station, it take her five minutes to walk to her school. It is about four hundreds metres from the station to the school.  2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Emma often goes to the public library after school. It is about 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. five hundred and fifty metre from school to the library. It takes her ten minutes to get to the library to school. How long 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. does you take for you to get to the nearest library?  5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

# Grammar in Context

Text Type:  
Map & Conversation

**E** Jasper is having an orienteering activity with his teammates. Look at the map and complete their conversation with 'How far', 'How long' and the correct noun phrases.



Lucas : Our first checkpoint is the public telephone. How far is it from here to there?

Jasper : It is ① \_\_\_\_\_ . We can follow this path to reach there.

Carl : ② \_\_\_\_\_ to get there?

Lucas : It takes only ten minutes.

Carl : Great! ③ \_\_\_\_\_ from the public telephone to the barbecue site?

Jasper : It's not far. It's just ④ \_\_\_\_\_ . From there, we can head straight to the campsite. It takes about ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Lucas : ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ from the campsite to the tuck shop?

Jasper : It's ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ . The tuck shop is close to the next checkpoint.

Lucas : ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ to go from the tuck shop to the next checkpoint?

Jasper : It takes only ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Carl : Our last checkpoint is the pond. How far is it from the public toilets?

Jasper : ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ . It won't take us long to get there.

Lucas : ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ to get there. Let's go!

 Hint: Q9

Look at the picture to find out the starting point and the destination.

