

IT TAKES

Making affirmative sentences using IT TAKES

Look at this example based on the lesson.



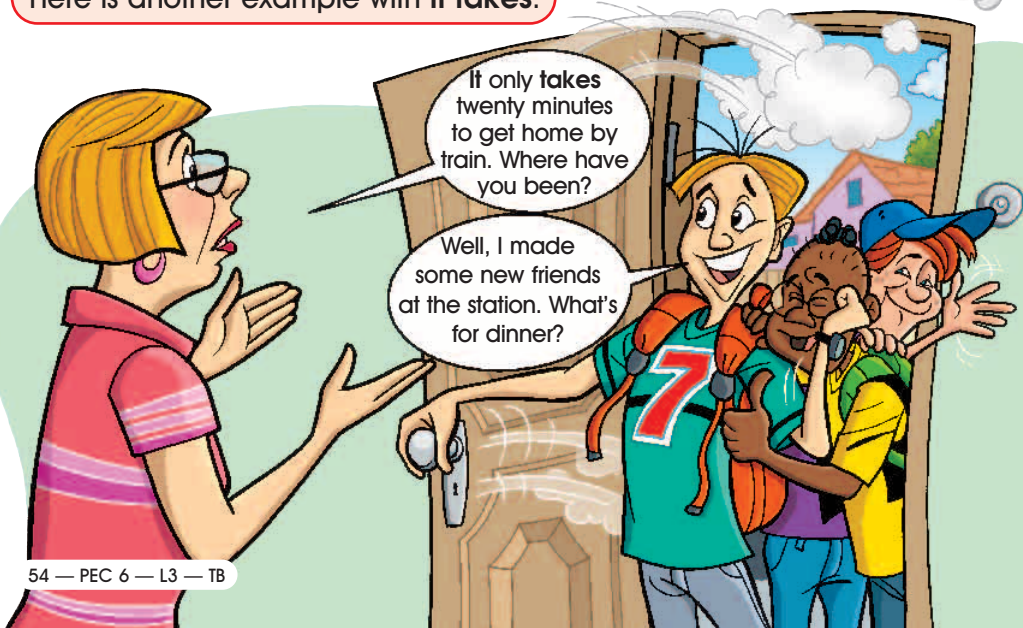
From the ticket agent's statement, we understand that six hours are needed to get to L.A.



REMEMBER THIS:

**It takes** is an expression. **It takes** describes how much time is necessary to do a certain activity.

Here is another example with **it takes**.



### Making negative statements using IT TAKES

Compare these sentences.

It **takes** a long time to sweep the kitchen floor. → AFFIRMATIVE

It **doesn't take** a long time to sweep the kitchen floor. → NEGATIVE

It **takes** ten minutes to get from my house to the mall. → AFFIRMATIVE

It **doesn't take** ten minutes to get from my house to the mall. → NEGATIVE



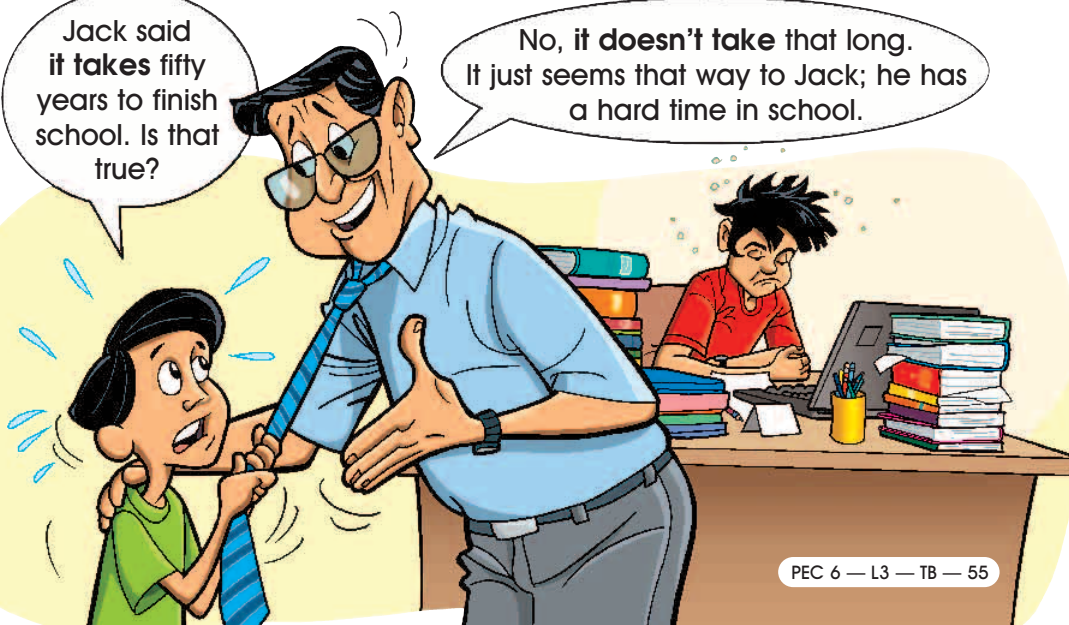
### REMEMBER THIS:

- We make negative statements with **it takes** the same way as we do with most verbs—that is, by using *does + not*.
- We usually use the contracted form *doesn't*.

Look at this example with **it takes** in an affirmative and a negative statement.

Jack said **it takes** fifty years to finish school. Is that true?

No, it **doesn't take** that long. It just seems that way to Jack; he has a hard time in school.



Asking questions using **IT TAKES**

Compare these sentences.

It **takes** two hours to drive to Texas from here. → AFFIRMATIVE

Does it **take** two hours to drive to Texas from here? → INTERROGATIVE

It **takes** twelve hours to fly from L.A. to Rome. → AFFIRMATIVE

Does it **take** twelve hours to fly from L.A. to Rome? → INTERROGATIVE



**REMEMBER THIS:**

We make interrogative sentences with **it takes** the same way as we do with most verbs—that is, by using **does**.

Here's another example with **it takes** in a question.

How long **does it take** to get to the wildlife park?

Well, I don't know. How many times are you going to ask to stop to use the restroom?



SPECIAL VERBS

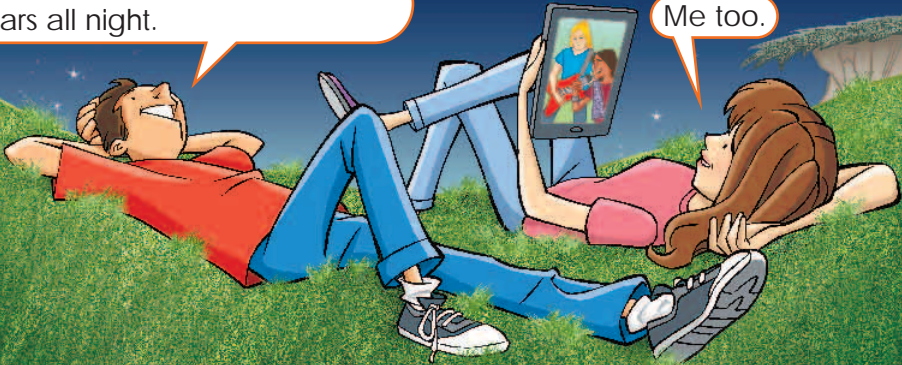
Look at this example from this lesson.



Now take a look at this dialogue.

I **could** lie here and look at the stars all night.

Me too.



**Will** and **could** are part of a special group of verbs that have unique characteristics. You are already familiar with most of these verbs which we have called special verbs. Later, you will see the ones you haven't learned yet.

There are sixteen special verbs.

be	could	should	ought to
have	may	must	need
do	might	will	dare
can	shall	would	used to