**Making Questions with “How Far?” & “How Long?”**

We use **how far** to talk about distance.

* *How far is our classroom from the washroom? It’s about 30 metres.*

We use **how long** to talk about the amount of time something takes.

* *How long is the movie? It’s 2 hours.*

Remember, when you make a question with a verb other than the *be* verb, you need to use an auxiliary verb (do/did, have/had, will, are/is, etc). For example:

* *How far* ***do*** *you usually walk? I walk 5 kilometres. (Present Simple)*
* *How long* ***did*** *you wait? I waited 30 minutes. (Past Simple)*
* *How far* ***will*** *you drive? (Future Simple)*
* *How long* ***have*** *you been living in Canada? (Present Perfect Continuous)*

**Exercise A. Complete these exercises with *how long* or *how far***

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is New York from Los Angeles?

New York is about 2,900 miles from Los Angeles.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does she usually spend in traffic?

She usually spends 2 hours in traffic.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is Melbourne from Paris?

Melbourne is 12,249 miles far from Paris.

4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did he play tennis?

He played tennis for 30 minutes.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do you usually stretch in the morning?

I usually stretch for 10 minutes.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the bus stop?

The bus stop is 200 meters away. **Exercise B. Make questions to match the answers.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

I slept for six hours.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

I have been working at my company for two years.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

I rode my bicycle for 5 miles.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

My house is 15 kilometres from my work.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Kate waited an hour for the bus.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

The lessons are 20 minutes.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

I had to stand for 30 minutes.

Answers:

