

## High, tall and height ★★

High and tall are ADJECTIVES which are similar, but not the same.

Height is the noun for **both of them**.

High has many other uses (METAPHORS).

### 1 Tall...

#### Height...

(Tall is for measuring the distance from top to bottom)



**How tall is he? What is his height?  
He is a tall man, He is 2m tall.**

The Gherkin is a tall building in London.

### 2 High...

Easily the most common uses of high are as a METAPHOR.



**He has a high fever.**

More examples:

high costs, high level, high fever, high degree, high dose, high street, high court  
(and as a noun) a high of 62%

### 3 High...

#### Height...

(High is for measuring the distance **above** something else (the ground, or sea level))



**They are on a high mountain.  
They are 4,400m high (not really!)  
They are at a height of 4,400m (?)**

(This is a model of the Matterhorn, in Disneyland!)

More examples

high jump, high water (tides)

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#### Quick check

Fill the gaps with one of these words:

tall    high    height

1 I am worried about the \_\_\_\_\_ cost of accommodation in London.

- 2 Natasha is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman; her \_\_\_\_\_ is about 1m 85.
- 3 He got a gold medal in the \_\_\_\_\_ jump in the 2012 Olympics.
- 4 You need \_\_\_\_\_ grades to get admission to a top university.
- 5 There are very few \_\_\_\_\_ buildings in the English countryside.