tall Apresyan (En-Ru)

1. [tɔ:l] a

1. 1) высокий

tall man - высокий /рослый/ человек, человек высокого роста

tall chimney [mast] - высокая труба [мачта]

tall hat - цилиндр

tall glass - фужер

he was taller by a head, he stood a (whole) head taller - он был на (целую) голову выше

2) имеющий *такой-то* рост, *такую-то* высоту; высотой, ростом в ...

a man six feet tall - мужчина ростом в шесть футов

how tall is he? - какого он роста?

3) длинный

tall copy - экземпляр улучшенного качества (с большими полями вверху и внизу страницы)

2. амер. разг. преувеличенный, приукрашенный; невероятный, немыслимый

tall story - небылица сказка

3. разг. большой

tall drink was == va

tall drink - изрядная порция спиртного

tall order - трудная задача, чрезмерное требование «большой счёт»

tall price - высокая цена

4. разг. хвастливый

tall talk - хвастовство; преувеличение

5. уст. величественный

6. уст. смелый, мужественный

the old fellow's spirit is as tall as ever- старик, как всегда, твёрд духом

2. [to:I] adv сл.

1. хвастливо, привирая с три короба

to talk tall - хвастаться

2. гордо, осанисто; важно

to walk tall - идти, задрав нос

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

tall [tall taller tallest] BrE [to] * NAME [to] * adjective (tall-er, tall-est)

- 1. (of a person, building, tree, etc.) having a greater than average height
 - · She's tall and thin.
 - tall chimneys
 - the tallest building in the world
 - · a tall glass of iced tea

Opp: ↑short

- 2. used to describe or ask about the height of sb/sth
 - How tall are you?
 - · He's six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds.

more at great/tall oaks from little acorns grow at †oak, walk tall at †walk v

Idioms: †a tall order = †stand tall

Derived Word †tallness

Word Origin:

late Middle English: probably from Old English getæl 'swift, prompt'. Early senses also included 'fine, handsome' and 'bold, strong, good at fighting'.

Which Word?:

high / tall

High is used to talk about the measurement from the bottom to the top of something: ■ The fence is overfive metres high. ♦ He has climbed some of the world's highest mountains. You also use **high** to describe the distance of something from the ground: ■ How high was the plane when the engine failed?

Tall is used instead of **high** to talk about people: ■ My brother's much taller than me. **Tall** is also used for things that are high and narrow such as trees: ■ She ordered cold beer in a tall glass. ♦ tall factory chimneys. Buildings can be **high** or **tall**.

Example Bank:

- She is quite tall for her age.
- · Suddenly he seemed to stand taller.
- · (a) tall building/tower/tree/grass
- Pollutants are dispersed through tall chimneys.
- She's tall and thin with light brown hair.
- What's the tallest building in the world?

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tall S2 W2 /tɔ□\\$ tv□\l BrE * AmE * adjective (comparative taller, superlative tallest)

- 1. a person, building, tree etc that is tall is a greater height than normal:
 - He was young and tall.
 - a house surrounded by tall trees
 - This bush grows tall very quickly.
- 2. you use 'tall' to say or ask what the height of something or someone is

6ft/2m/12 inches etc tall

- He's only 5 feet tall.
- How tall is that building?
- She's a little taller than her sister.
- 3. American English a tall drink contains a small amount of alcohol mixed with a large amount of a non-alcoholic drink
- **4**. **a tall order** *informal* a request or piece of work that is almost impossible:
 - Finding a replacement is going to be a tall order.
- 5. tall story/tale a story that is so unlikely that it is difficult to believe
- —tallness noun [uncountable]
- \Rightarrow stand tall at \uparrow stand \uparrow (39), \Rightarrow walk tall at \uparrow walk \uparrow (10)

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buildings/mountains etc

- high measuring a long distance from the bottom to the top used about mountains, walls, and buildings: the highest mountain in the world | The castle was surrounded by high walls. | a high cliff | The council told the architects the tower was too high.
- tall high used about people, trees, plants, and buildings. Tall is used especially about things that are high and narrow: tall marble columns | A cat was hiding in the tall grass. | a tall modern building
- majestic especially written very impressive because of being very big and tall used about mountains, buildings, trees, and animals: the majestic mountains of the Himalayas | The abbey is noted for its majestic arches, fine doorways and elegant windows. | The cathedral looked majestic in the evening light.
- soaring [only before noun] especially written used about a building or mountain that looks extremely tall and impressive: a soaring skyscraper | the soaring towers of the palace
- towering [only before noun] especially written extremely high, in a way that seems impressive but also often rather frightening: The sky was shut out by the towering walls of the prison. I towering trees
- lofty [usually before noun] literary very high and impressive used in literature: the lofty peaks in the far distance
- high-rise [usually before noun] a high-rise building is a tall modern building with a lot of floors containing apartments or offices: a high-rise apartment block | He works in a high-rise office in New York.

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