

**height**[haɪt] *n*

1. 1) **высота, вышина**  
the height of a building [tower] - высота здания [башни]  
wall six feet in height - стена высотой в шесть футов  
giddy height - головокружительная высота  
at a height of 3000 metres above sea level - на высоте 3000 метров над уровнем моря  
a fear /a bad head/ of heights - страх /боязнь/ высоты  
height of burst - **воен.** высота разрыва  
to gain height - **ав.** набирать высоту  
to clear the height - **спорт.** взять высоту
- 2) **рост**  
what is her height? - какого она роста?; какой у неё рост?  
he is six feet in height - он ростом в шесть футов
2. 1) **высота над уровнем моря**
- 2) **тех.** высотная отметка  
height mark - **топ.** отметка уровня
- 3) **астр.** высота (**солнца, звезды**) над горизонтом (**в градусах**)
3. 1) **вершина, верх, верхушка**  
they finally reached the height of the mountain - наконец они достигли вершины горы  
on the mountain heights - на горных вершинах
- 2) **часто pl холм, возвышенность, высота**  
castles on the heights - замки на холмах
4. **верх, высшая степень (чего-л.); апогей; разгар**  
the height of folly [wickedness, absurdity] - верх глупости [низости, нелепости]  
the height of power - вершина власти  
the height of fashion - крик моды  
the height of pleasure - верх блаженства  
the height of his genius - расцвет его гения  
in the height of the season [summer] - в разгар сезона [лета]  
the storm was at its height - буря была в разгаре  
excitement was at its height - возбуждение достигло крайнего предела
5. **библ.** небеса
6. **арх.**
  - 1) знатность
  - 2) возвышенность природы
7. **тех.** подъем стрелы (**арки, свода и т. п.**)

**height****height** [height heights] *BrE* [haɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [haɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

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**MEASUREMENT**

1. **uncountable, countable** the measurement of how tall a person or thing is
  - Height: 210 mm. Width: 57 mm. Length: 170 mm.
  - Please state your height and weight.
  - It is almost 2 metres **in height** .
  - She is the same height as her sister.
  - to be of **medium/average height**
  - You can adjust the height of the chair.
  - The table is available in several different heights.

**BEING TALL**

2. **uncountable** the quality of being tall or high
  - She worries about her height (= that she is too tall) .
  - The height of the mountain did not discourage them.

**DISTANCE ABOVE GROUND**

3. **countable, uncountable** a particular distance above the ground
  - The plane flew **at a height of** 3 000 metres.
  - The stone was dropped **from a great height** .
  - The aircraft was gaining height.
  - to be at **shoulder/chest/waist height**

**HIGH PLACE**

4. **countable, usually plural** (often used in names) a high place or position
  - Brooklyn Heights
  - He doesn't have a **head for heights** (= is afraid of high places) .
  - a fear of heights

- We looked out over the city from the heights of Edinburgh Castle.
- The pattern of the ancient fields is clearly visible **from a height** .

## STRONGEST POINT/LEVEL

### 5. **singular** the point when sth is at its best or strongest

- He is at the height of his career.
- She is still at the **height of her powers** .
- I wouldn't go there **in the height of summer** .
- The fire **reached its height** around 2 a.m.
- The crisis was **at its height** in May.

### 6. **heights plural** a better or greater level of sth; a situation where sth is very good

- Their success had reached **new heights** .
- He didn't know it was possible to reach such heights of happiness.

**see** the dizzy heights (of sth) **at** ↑**dizzy**

## EXTREME EXAMPLE

### 7. **singular** ~ **of sth** an extreme example of a particular quality

- It would be **the height of folly** (= very stupid) to change course now.
- She was dressed in **the height of fashion** .

Idiom: ↑**draw yourself up to your full height**

### Word Origin:

Old English hēhthu (in the sense 'top of something'), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **hoogte**, also to ↑**high**.

### Thesaurus:

**height** **noun** **sing.**

- She was at the height of her career.

**peak** • • **top** • • **climax** • • **high point** • • **prime** • • **heyday** • |especially written **culmination** • |business journalism **high** •

**Opp:** **low point**

**the height/peak/top/climax/high point/prime/heyday/culmination of sth**

**at its height/its peak/the top/its climax/a high point/its culmination/a high**

**reach its height/its peak/the top/its climax/a high point/its culmination/a high**

**Height or peak? Peak** is the more frequent and more general of these words. It is used in compounds or before other nouns (**peak hours/season/demand/rates, etc.**), but **height** is not. A person can be at **the peak/height of their career/powers** but otherwise **height** is not used to talk about a person.

### Example Bank:

- Bring your hands to shoulder height.
- He drew himself up to his full height and glared at us.
- Her great height was rather a handicap.
- She rose to undreamed-of heights of power and fame.
- Such a course of action would be the very height of folly
- The animal lives in lakes at a height of 6 000 feet above sea level.
- The animal lives in lakes near Mexico City, at a height of 6 000 to 7 000 feet above sea level.
- The balloon reached a height of 20 000 feet.
- The condor soars above the mountain heights.
- The fire reached its height around 2 a.m.
- The group's popularity reached new heights when they got a top ten hit.
- The group's popularity reached new heights when they released their second album.
- The housing market was at its height in the early part of the decade.
- The object had clearly fallen from a considerable height.
- The pattern of the ancient fields is clearly visible from a height.
- The pilot was unable to maintain height.
- The plane was beginning to lose height.
- The plants grow to a maximum height of 24 inches.
- The wall is 2.5 metres in height.
- They have risen to the dizzy heights of the semi-finals.
- They were the first expedition to scale the heights of Everest
- a man of middle height
- He didn't know it was possible to reach such heights of happiness.
- He is of medium height and slim build.
- I wouldn't go there in the height of summer.
- She dreamed of reaching the dizzy heights of stardom.
- She is still at the height of her powers.
- She worries about her height.
- Their success had reached new heights.

**height****height** **S2 W3** /haɪt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*[Word Family: *noun*: ↑height, heights; *verb*: ↑heighten; *adjective*: heightened]

[Language: Old English; Origin: hiehtu]

**1. HOW TALL** [uncountable and countable] how tall someone or something is:

- Sam's about the same height as his sister now.
- State your age, height, and weight.
- buildings of different heights

**six feet/ten metres etc in height**

- None of these sculptures was less than three metres in height.

**a height of six feet/ten metres etc**

- Sunflowers can grow to a height of 15 feet.

**2. DISTANCE ABOVE THE GROUND** [uncountable and countable] the distance something is above the ground:

- It's a miracle she didn't break her neck falling from that height.

**a height of 2,500 feet/10,000 metres etc**

- The aircraft was flying at a height of 10,000 metres.

**gain/lose height** (=move higher or lower in the sky)

- The plane was rapidly losing height.

**3. HIGH PLACE****a) [countable]** a place or position that is a long way above the ground**from a height**

- a bird that opens shellfish by dropping them from a height onto rocks
- Rachel had always been scared of heights.

**have a head for heights** (=not be afraid of heights)**b) heights [plural]** a particular high place – used especially in place names:

- the Golan Heights

**4. new/great/dizzy etc heights****a) a very high level of achievement or success****rise to/reach etc ... heights**

- He reached the dizzy heights of the national finals.
- They took ice dancing to new heights.

**b) a very great level or degree:**

- War fever had reached new heights.

**5. the height of something** the busiest or most extreme part of a period or activity **SYN peak**:

- the height of the tourist season

**6. be at the height of your success/fame/powers etc** to be more successful, famous etc than at any other time:

- The Beatles were at the height of their fame.

**7. be the height of fashion/stupidity/luxury etc** to be extremely fashionable, stupid etc:

- Flared trousers were considered to be the height of fashion in those days.

**height**

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