HOW LARGE/SMALL

1. uncountable, countable how large or small a person or thing is

- an area the size of (= the same size as) Wales
- They complained about the size of their gas bill.
- · Dogs come in all shapes and sizes .
- The facilities are excellent for a town that size.
- The kitchen is a good size (= not small).
- It's similar in size to a tomato.

2. uncountable the large amount or extent of sth

- You should have seen the size of their house!
- · We were shocked at the size of his debts.

OF CLOTHES/SHOES/GOODS

- 3. countable, uncountable one of a number of standard measurements in which clothes, shoes and other goods are made and sold
 - The jacket was the wrong size.
 - · It's not my size.
 - They didn't have the jacket in my size.
 - · She's a size 12 in clothes.
 - The hats are made in three sizes: small, medium and large.
 - I need a bigger/smaller size.
 - What size do you take?
 - She takes (a) size 5 in shoes.
 - Do you have these shoes in (a) size 5?
 - Try this one for size (= to see if it is the correct size) .
 - The glass can be cut to size (= cut to the exact measurements) for you. To ask about the size of something, you usually say
 - · How big? You use
 - What size? to ask about something that is produced in fixed measurements.

-SIZED/-SIZE

- 4. (in adjectives) having the size mentioned
 - · a medium-sized house
 - · Cut it into bite-size pieces.

see also hing-size, han-sized, pint-sized, queen-size

STICKY SUBSTANCE

5. uncountable a sticky substance that is used for making material stiff or for preparing walls for \(^1\)wallpaper

Word Origin:

- n. senses 1 to 4 and v. Middle English 'assize, ordinance fixing a rate of payment' Old French sise assise 'ordinance' assize †assizes
- n. sense 5 Middle English †size

Thesaurus:

size noun

1. U. C.

It's an area the size of Wales.

measurement · · dimension · · area · · volume · · capacity · · extent · · bulk ·

in size/area/volume/capacity/extent/bulk

the **exact** size/measurements/dimensions/area/extent

measure the size/dimensions/area/volume of sth

2. U

• It was hard to grasp the size of the problem.

scale · · extent · · level · · degree · · proportions · |formal magnitude ·

the **true** size/extent/level

assessjudge the size/scale/extent/level/degree/magnitude of sth

realize the size/scale/extent/level/degree of sth

Example Bank:

- · A city's size is determined by the extent of its market area.
- Brushes come in various sizes.
- · Children's sizes don't fit her any more.
- Despite its diminutive size, the car is quite comfortable.
- · Does this dress come in a bigger size?
- From the size of the crowds outside, it was a very good movie.
- Given the size of the task, he won't have time to do anything else.
- Have you got this dress in a Size 12?
- He eats a lot in proportion to his body size.
- · Her knee swelled to twice its normal size.
- Houses increase in size as you travel further from the city.
- How do the samples compare in size?
- I changed the font size on the document.
- I couldn't find the blouse in my size.
- I had to guess at the size of the batteries.
- I have to wear children's shoes because the women's sizes don't fit me.
- · In surfing, size matters: big waves are beautiful.
- Michael wears size 10 shoes.
- · New radiators come in metric sizes.
- Only a limited number of the fish will grow to reach adult size.
- · Our customers come in all shapes and sizes.
- She has almost doubled the size of her investments.

- The 5-litre size comes in a metal tin.
- The bricks come in four sizes.
- The city has doubled in size in the last twenty years.
- The company is now going to make these products in larger sizes.
- The company is reducing the size of its workforce.
- The dog's diminutive size is attractive to many people.
- The fish grow to a maximum size of 50 cm.
- The half-gallon size comes in a metal can.
- The jacket is several sizes too large for him.
- The kitchen is (of) a fair size.
- The ladder is a handy size for using in the house.
- The larger the serving size, the more you're likely to eat.
- The relative size of the middle class has been steadily shrinking.
- The ring is shown actual size in the illustration.
- The sheer size of these dinosaurs was their main defence.
- The size of her audience varied
- The standard size for the tiles is 12 inches.
- The unit's compact size makes it an ideal travel companion.
- The vast size of the country made it difficult to govern
- · Their house is twice the size of ours.
- Their smaller size allowed for greater acceleration.
- · Their website has grown in size and scope.
- Their weight is small relative to their size.
- There are people of all shapes and size in the judo class.
- These insects range in size from 2 to 5cm.
- These insects range in size from one to two inches.
- What size are you= for shoes or clothes?
- XL fits chest sizes 44 to 50.
- · a life-size model of a Roman soldier
- · classes of manageable size
- the reduced size of the show
- to shrink the size of government
- · windows of varying sizes
- · It's an area the size of New Jersey.
- · It's similar in size to a tomato.
- They are intending to expand the size of the farm by buying new land.

Idioms: †cut somebody down to size = †that's about the size of it

Derived †size somebody up

verb

GIVE SIZE

- 1. usually passive ~ sth to mark the size of sth; to give a size to sth
 - The screws are sized in millimetres.

CHANGE SIZE

- 2. usually passive ~ sth to change the size of sth
 - The fonts can be sized according to what effect you want.

MAKE STICKY

3. ~ sth to cover sth with a sticky substance called \frac{1}{size}

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	size
	BrE /sazz/
	NAmE /saiz/
he / she /it	sizes
	BrE /satztz/
	NAmE /sazzz/
past simple, past participle	sized
	BrE /satzd/
	NAmE /satzd/
-ing form	sizing
	BrE /saɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE /sazzin/

Word Origin:

n. sense 5 Middle English 1size

size

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I. size S1 W1 /saiz/ BrE AmE noun

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: assise 'sitting to make a legal judgment or a judgment on standard amounts', from asseoir 'to seat']

- 1. HOW BIG [uncountable and countable] how big or small something is:
 - He's a small boy, about John's size.
 - The Jensens' house is about the same size as ours.

size of

- The firm underestimated the size of the market for their new product.
- I saw a spider the size of (=the same size as) my hand in the backyard.
- He's quite a big dog, but he's still not <u>full size</u> yet.

in size

The apartment is roughly 360 square feet in size.

(of) that/this size (=as big as that or this)

- In a class this size, there are bound to be a few troublemakers.
- We can't give loans of that size to just anyone.

in all/different/various (shapes and) sizes

These phones come in all shapes and sizes.

good/fair/nice size (=fairly big)

The breakfast room is a good size.

2. VERY BIG [uncountable] used to say that something is very big

size of

- I can't believe the size of her car!
- The sheer size of the classes makes learning difficult for students.

3. CLOTHES/GOODS [countable] one of a set of standard measures according to which clothes and other goods are produced and sold:

- These shoes are one size too big.
- The shirts come in three sizes: small, medium, and large.
- Do you have these pants in a size 12?
- 4. large-sized/medium-sized/pocket-size etc of a particular size, or about the same size and shape as something:
 - a medium-sized car
 - a pocket-size mirror

good-sized/fair-sized/decent-sized (=big enough for a particular purpose)

- 5. do something to size if you cut, make, or prepare something to size, you make it the right size for a particular use:
 - The materials will be provided, and everything is already cut to size.
- 6. that's about the size of it spoken used to agree that someone's description of a situation is correct
- 7. PASTE [uncountable] (also sizing) a thick sticky liquid used for giving stiffness and a shiny surface to cloth, paper etc, or used to prepare walls for \(^1\)wallpaper
- ⇒ cut somebody down to size at ¹cut down(6), ⇒ try something on for size at ¹try¹(2)

COLLOCATIONS

adjectives

- the same size The water vole is about the same size as a rat.
- **a different size** Six towns of different sizes were selected for the research.
- a good/fair/nice size (=fairly big) The garden is a good size.
- the small size of something One problem was the very small size of the department.
- the large size of something They are very peaceful fish, despite their large size.
- the sheer size of something (=used to emphasize that something is large) The sheer size of some dinosaurs is amazing.
- sth's original size The lake has already shrunk to half its original size.
- full size (=the largest size that something can have) Is this violinfull size?

phrases

- be twice the size of something The creature was about twice the size of a small dog.
- be half the size of something Kosovo is about half the size of Wales.

THESAURUS

- size noun [uncountable and countable] how big someone or something is: What size is that shirt? | The price will depend on the size and quality of the carpet. | Your desk is exactly the same size as mine. | Fire has destroyed an area of forest the size of Luxembourg. | The seeds are very small, about half the size of a grain of salt. | There were several pieces of wood of different sizes. | Coverthe dough and allow it to rise until it has doubled in size. | The black spots on her skin seemed to be slowly increasing in size. | The American states vary enormously in size, from very large to very small. | In a class this size, there will always be a few problems.
- dimensions noun [plural] the length, width, and height of an object, room, building etc: What are the dimensions of the table?
- **measurements** *noun* [plural] the length, width, or height of something, or of someone's body: I need to check the measurements of the window. I your waist measurement is 31 inches | The nurse took my measurements.
- proportions noun [plural] the relative sizes of the different parts of an object, room, building etc: The proportions don't look right

to me. | You can sit in the Plaza and admire the proportions of the cathedral.

- area noun [uncountable and countable] the amount of space that a flat surface such as a floor or field covers: To measure the area of a room, you need to multiply the length by the width.
- extent noun [uncountable] the size of a large area: The extent of the ranch is enormous. | The island measured about 1,600 kilometres in extent.
- **bulk** *noun* [uncountable] the very large size of something: The statue's massive bulk made it difficult to move. I his enormous bulk | The view was dominated by the huge bulk of the power station.
- capacity noun [singular] the amount that a container will hold: The capacity of the tank is around 500 gallons. | The computer's memory has a capacity of over 200 megabytes. | All the storage units were filled to capacity.
- volume noun [singular] the amount of space that a substance fills, or that an object contains: The average domestic swimming pool has a volume of 45,000 litres. | This instrument measures the volume of air in your lungs. | Help me figure out the volume of this fish tank. | The shifting of continents has an impact on the volume of water the oceans can contain.
- II. size² BrE AmE verb [transitive]
 - 1. to sort things according to their size:
 - Shrimp are sized and selected for canning.
 - 2. [usually passive] to make something into a particular size or sizes:
 - Most costume patterns are sized for children.
 - 3. to put ↑size ¹(7) on a wall before decorating
 - size somebody/something ↔up phrasal verb

to look at or consider a person or situation and make a judgment about them SYN assess

It only took a few seconds for her to size up the situation.

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     sizable 2008
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     midsize 737
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