lofty ['lɒftı] a

1. очень высокий

lofty tower [tree, spire] - высокая башня [-ое дерево, -ий шпиль] lofty mountains - величественные/неприступные/ горы

2. возвышенный, высокий

lofty style /language/ - высокий стиль lofty aims [ideals, principles] - благородные /высокие/ цели [идеалы, принципы]

3. неодобр. величественный

lofty appearance - величественный вид in a lofty manner - с величественным видом

4. высокомерный, надменный

lofty contempt - высокомерное презрение lofty good humour - снисходительное добродушие

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lofty [lofty loftier loftiest] BrE ['lofti] NAmE ['lo fti NAmE ['la fti

adjective (loft-ier, lofti-est)(formal)

- 1. (of buildings, mountains, etc.) very high and impressive
- lofty ceilings/rooms/towers
- 2. usually before noun (approving) (of a thought, an aim, etc.) deserving praise because of its high moral quality
- lofty ambitions/ideals/principles
- 3. (disapproving) showing a belief that you are worth more than other people

Syn: [†]haughty

her lofty disdain for other people
 <u>Derived Words</u> [†]loftily = [†]loftiness

Word Origin:

Middle English: from ¹loft, influenced by ¹aloft.

Example Bank:

- Despite their lofty ideals, they still needed to raise money.
- From the lofty heights of his apartment you could see right across New York.
- Many politicians start out with lofty principles, but only a few manage to maintain them.
- The dining room was airy and lofty.
- The glen is deeply enclosed by lofty mountains.

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loft y /'lofti \$ 'lo BrE AmE adjective

- 1. *literary* lofty mountains, buildings etc are very high and impressive:
 - He stayed at the Four Seasons Hotel, from whose lofty heights he could see across New York.
- 2. lofty ideas, beliefs, attitudes etc show high standards or high moral qualities use this to show approval:
 - lofty ideals of equality and social justice
 - ^{*} He had set himself the lofty goal of reaching the world's top five.
- **3**. seeming to think you are better than other people used to show disapproval:
- She has such a lofty manner.
- —loftily adverb

-loftiness noun [uncountable]

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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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