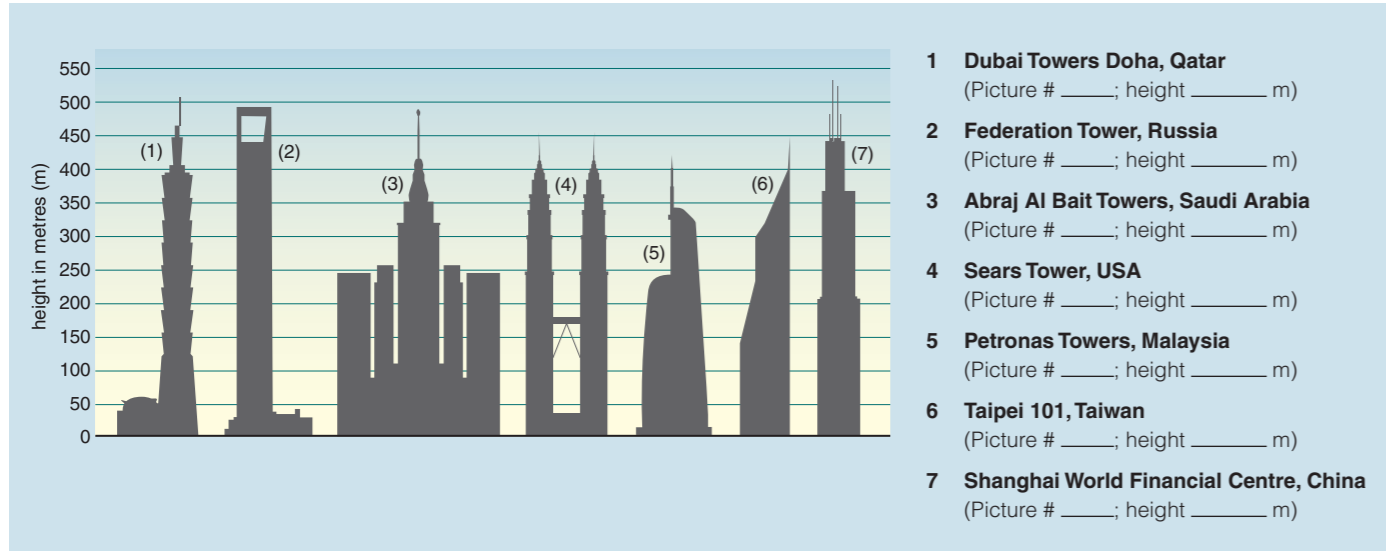


## 2 Quantities

**Start here** 1 Try the quiz. Match the names of the buildings to the pictures. Write the number and the approximate height of each building.



2 41 Listen and check your answers to 1.

**Reading** 3 Read the FAQs from the website and match them to the answers.

**NB**  
BrE lift = AmE elevator

**NB**  
write: 8000 m<sup>2</sup>; say: eight thousand square metres.  
write: 250,000 m<sup>3</sup>; say: two hundred and fifty thousand cubic metres.  
write: 5 kg; say: five kilograms or five kilos.

**This is Taipei 101. It is currently the highest in the world. Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the building.**

- How high is Taipei 101?
- What's the footprint of the building?
- How many storeys does it have?
- How do you get to the top?
- What's the building made of?
- How much steel and concrete is in the building exactly?

- A About 700,000 tonnes.  
B By super-fast elevator. The building has two high-speed elevators. Each elevator travels at 17 m/s.  
C 101.  
D It towers above Taipei at the amazing height of over 508 metres.  
E Reinforced concrete, steel, aluminium and glass.  
F The base of the building has an area of about 450 m<sup>2</sup>.

### Language

Countable nouns can be both singular and plural. Examples: *screw, nail, bottle*.  
Uncountable nouns are always singular. Examples: *concrete, cement, sand, oil*.

screws are countable		cement is uncountable	
a one	screw	some	cement
some two	screw -s		
a bag of two bags of		a bag of two bags of	

Do you need	some/any	screws? cement?	How	many much	(screws) (cement)	do you need?
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4 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

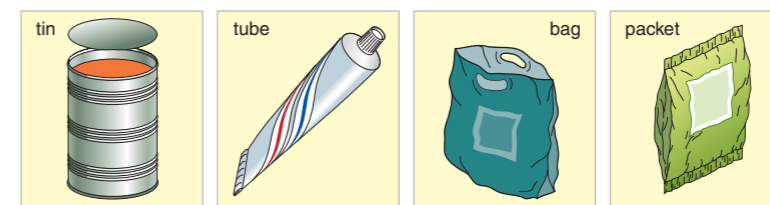
any how how many much some What colour What size

- Good morning. Can I help you?
- Hello. Do you have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ screws?
- Certainly. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ do you need?
- Ten mil.
- OK. And (3) \_\_\_\_\_ do you need?
- Fifty, please.
- Right. So that's fifty 10 mil screws. Anything else?
- Yes. I need to buy (4) \_\_\_\_\_ paint, please.
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Black.
- OK. So (6) \_\_\_\_\_ black paint do you need?
- Six large tins, please.
- Anything else?
- No, that's all, thanks.

5 Make similar dialogues with your partner. Use the questions in the box and the information from the table.

How many? How much?  
What colour? What kind?  
What size? What type?

**NB**  
write: 15 L; say: 15 litres



To buy ...		
Item	Quantity	Kind, size or colour
screws	50	10 mm
paint	6 large tins	black
glue	2 tubes	superglue
nuts	30	15 mm
oil	15 L	motor oil
bolts	60	25 mm
cement	20 bags	white
nails	2 packets of 50	20 mm