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Skyscrapers

What are skyscrapers?

Skyscrapers are very tall buildings. They are usually more than 300 metres tall. You can see skyscrapers in cities around the world. Many countries build skyscrapers to attract tourists. There are many skyscrapers in Asia, the Gulf, America and Europe. Inside a skyscraper, there are offices, shops, restaurants and apartments.

What are some famous skyscrapers?

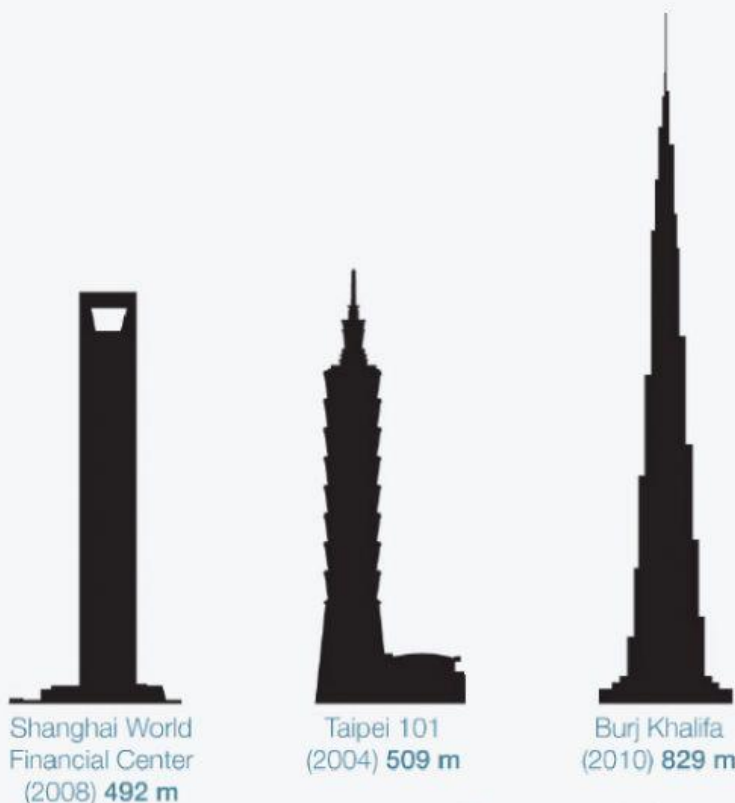
The Empire State Building in New York is a world-famous skyscraper. It has two million visitors every year. It is popular with tourists but there are taller and more modern skyscrapers in the Gulf and in Asia. The Shanghai World Financial Center in China, Taipei 101 in Taiwan and the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, the UAE, are taller than the Empire State Building. The Burj Khalifa is taller than the World Financial Center and Taipei 101. Taipei 101 is taller than the World Financial Center. The Burj Khalifa is also more modern than the other two buildings. It opened in 2010.

How much money do skyscrapers cost?

Skyscrapers are very expensive. They cost more money than other buildings. The Burj Khalifa cost \$1,500,000,000 to build. It was more expensive than the World Financial Center (\$850,000,000) but it was cheaper than Taipei 101. Taipei 101 cost \$1,760,000,000.

What is inside a skyscraper?

The Burj Khalifa has 163 floors. This is more than Taipei 101 or the World Financial Center. They have 101 floors each. All skyscrapers have lifts. Taipei 101 has more lifts than the Burj Khalifa or the World Financial Center. It has 61 lifts. The Burj Khalifa has 57 lifts but the World Financial Center has only 31. Many skyscrapers also have shopping centres or malls inside them. A lot of people come shopping every day.





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	Shanghai World Financial Center	Taipei 101	Burj Khalifa
country	China	Taiwan	UAE
city	Shanghai	Taipei	(1) _____
height (m)	(2) _____	(3) _____	829
year	2008	2004	2010
number of floors	(4) _____	101	163
number of lifts	(5) _____	61	57
cost (USD)	850,000,000	(6) _____	1,500,000,000