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Hello New York!

The world's most famous building

The Empire State Building opened in May 1931, and for 42 years it was the tallest building in the world. The twin towers of the World Trade Center, which opened in 1973, were taller than the Empire State Building. But terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

The Empire State Building is 443 meters high and has 102 floors. It is taller than the Eiffel Tower (319 meters), the Great Pyramid of Egypt (107 meters), and Big Ben in London (67 meters).



At the top of the building you can sometimes see snow and rain falling up because of the unique atmospheric conditions! And the rain is sometimes red!

There are 6,500 windows (washed twice a month!) and 73 elevators. The high-speed elevators travel at up to 366 meters a minute. From the 102nd floor, you can see more than 125 kilometers on a clear day. The number of visitors to the Empire State Building is over 3.5 million people a year. Remember that there are often long lines for the elevators at the bottom of the building. And there are also equally long lines at the top—of people waiting to come down!



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Read *The world's most famous building* and complete the chart.

Empire State Building—the facts

Opened	_____
Tallest building for	_____
Height	_____
Number of floors	_____
Number of windows	_____
Number of elevators	_____
Speed of elevators	_____
Number of visitors	_____