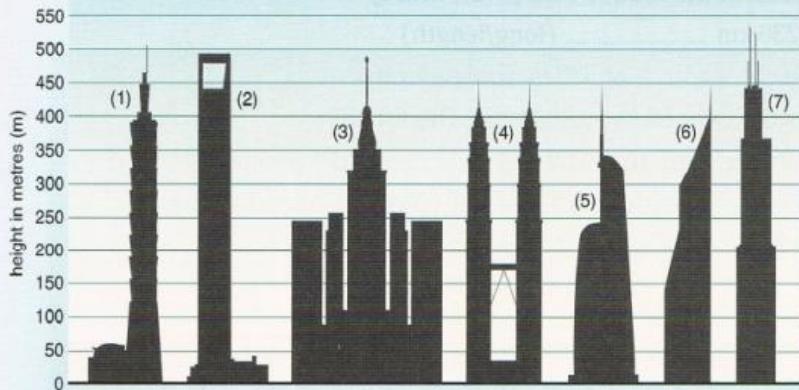


## 2 Quantities

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

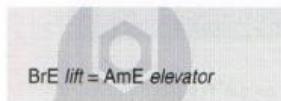


- A **Dubai Towers Doha, Qatar**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- B **Federation Tower, Russia**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- C **Abraj Al Bait Towers, Saudi Arabia**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- D **Sears Tower, USA**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- E **Petronas Towers, Malaysia**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- F **Taipei 101, Taiwan**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)
- G **Shanghai World Financial Centre, China**  
(Picture # \_\_\_\_; height \_\_\_\_ m)

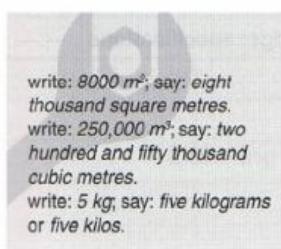
2 41 Listen and check your answers to 1.

### Reading

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



BrE lift = AmE elevator



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

- 1 *How high is Taipei 101?*
- 2 *What's the footprint of the building?*
- 3 *How many storeys does it have?*
- 4 *How do you get to the top?*
- 5 *What's the building made of?*
- 6 *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?

**4** Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

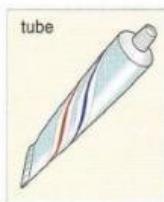
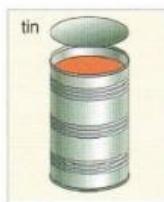
any how many much some What colour What size



- 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?

**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