

**high****1. [haɪ] n****1. высшая точка, максимум**

to be in /at/ the high - достигнуть высшего уровня /предела, максимума/  
 an all-time high - рекордный /небывалый/ уровень

**2. спец. «пик» (нагрузки и т. п.)****3. метеор.** область повышенного давления, антициклон**4. карт.** старшая карта, находящаяся на руках**5. амер. разг.** средняя школа (*тж.* high school)

she learned bookkeeping in high - она обучилась счетоводству в школе

**6. сл.** «кайф», состояние наркотического опьянения**7. авт.** высокая передача (*тж.* high gear)

◇ on high - а) в небе; в вышине; he watched the birds wheeling on high - он наблюдал за кружащимися в небе птицами; б)

*рел.* на /в/ небесах

from on high - свыше, с небес

the high and mighties - великие /сильные/ мира сего [*ср. тж.* high II ◇ ]

high and low - (люди) всякого звания [*см. тж.* high III ◇ ]

**2. [haɪ] a****1. 1) высокий**

high mountain [wall] - высокая гора [стена]

high ground - высокое место, возвышенность

**2) высокий, находящийся в вышине, на высоте, наверху**

high cloud - высокое облако

high burst - *воен.* высокий разрыв

high position - *анат.* высокое стояние (*диафрагмы*)

the highest floor - верхний этаж

the highest point of the range - самая высокая /высшая/ точка горной цепи

with one's head high - с высоко поднятой головой

the sun was high - солнце было высоко

the sun is getting higher - солнце поднимается (всё выше)

**2. имеющий определённую высоту, высотой в**

a tree thirty metres high - дерево высотой в тридцать метров, тридцатиметровое дерево

the snow was half-leg high - снег доходил до колен

how high is the mountain? - какова высота этой горы?

high trajectory - *воен.* крутая траектория

**3. большой, высокий**

high temperature /fever/ [pressure] - высокая температура [-ое давление]

high latitudes - *геогр.* высокие широты

high speed - большая скорость

high respiratory rate - *мед.* учащённое дыхание

high pulse rate - *мед.* (сильно) учащённый пульс

to get one's horse into a good high trot - пустить лошадь крупной рысью

to /in/ the highest degree - в высшей степени

high antiquity - большая /глубокая/ древность

**4. дорогой, высокий**

high price - высокая /дорогая/ цена

high rent - а) высокая арендная или квартирная плата; б) *амер.* высокая плата за прокат

high money - *амер.* большие деньги

high rate of interest - высокие проценты

high bid - высокая заявка /цена/ (*предлагаемая на торгах, аукционе*)

high stakes - *карт.* крупная /высокая/ ставка

to play for high stakes - вести крупную игру

to pay high taxes - платить высокие налоги

living is high - жизнь дорога

to buy smth. at a high figure - дорого заплатить за что-л.; отдать большую сумму за что-л.

to sell one's life at a high price - дорого отдать свою жизнь

**5. 1) большой, сильный; интенсивный**

high wind - сильный /крепкий/ ветер

high heat - сильная жара

high colour /complexion/ - яркий румянец

high colours - яркие цвета

high diet /feeding/ - усиленное питание

high Tory - крайний консерватор

high farming - интенсивное земледелие

**2) насыщенный, с высоким содержанием (чего-л.)**

high dilution - *фарм.* слабый раствор

a food high in iron - богатая железом пища

**6. находящийся в самом разгаре**

high summer - разгар лета

at high noon - точно в полдень  
it was high day when this happened - это случилось средь бела дня  
it is high time for us to go - нам пора идти

#### 7. высший, высокопоставленный, верховный

high caste - высшая каста  
high official - высокопоставленный чиновник  
high rank - высший чин  
high office - высшая должность  
high command - высшее /верховное/ командование  
higher commander - **воен.** вышестоящий командир  
higher echelon - а) вышестоящая инстанция; б) **воен.** вышестоящий штаб  
persons in high position - люди, занимающие высокое положение /высокие должности/; высокопоставленные лица  
position of the highest importance - очень высокое положение; ответственная должность  
to appoint smb. to a higher post - назначать кого-л. на более высокую должность

#### 8. лучший, высший

high quality - хорошее /высокое/ качество  
high merit - большое достоинство  
the highest efficiency - а) наивысшая производительность; б) самая высокая квалификация  
in the highest sense of the word - в самом лучшем смысле слова  
to hold smb. in high respect - очень уважать кого-л.  
to have a high opinion of smb. - быть очень хорошего мнения о ком-л.  
to speak about smb. in high terms - очень хорошо отзываться о ком-л.  
to deserve high praise [honour] - заслуживать высокой похвалы [чести]

#### 9. высокий, возвышенный, благородный

high spirit [mind] - высокий /благородный/ дух [ум]  
high thoughts /thinking/ [feelings] - высокие /возвышенные/ мысли [чувства]  
high ideals [aims] - высокие /возвышенные/ идеалы [цели]  
high calling - высокое призвание  
high comedy - высокая комедия  
a man of high character - благородный человек

#### 10. серьёзный, решающий, критический

high consequences - серьёзные последствия  
the high hour of history - решающий час /момент/ истории  
the high point of the novel - кульминационный момент всего романа  
this question is high on the agenda - это основной /ключевой/ вопрос в повестке дня

#### 11. высокий, резкий (о звуке)

high pitch /tone/ - высокий тон  
high voice - высокий или резкий и громкий голос  
the violin is not high enough - скрипка недостаточно высоко настроена

#### 12. весёлый, радостный

high spirits - весёлое /приподнятое/ настроение  
a high (old) time, high jinks - **разг.** весёлое времяпрепровождение; веселье  
to have a high (old) time - хорошо повеселиться, хорошо провести время  
his heart was high - на сердце /на душе/ у него было радостно

#### 13. возбуждённый, взвинченный

high from nervous tension - возбуждённый от (перенесённого) нервного потрясения

#### 14. **разг.**

##### 1) пьяный, сильно выпивший

he was high and didn't know what he was saying - он был пьян и болтал всякую чепуху

##### 2) опьянённый наркотиками, «забалдевший»

to get high - а) накуриться, нанюхаться (**наркотиков**); б) напиться, опьянеть  
he was getting higher all the time by nipping at martinis - он всё время прикладывался к мартини и всё больше хмелел

#### 15. горячий, ретивый (о лошади)

high action - резвость, ретивость (**обыкн. лошади**)

#### 16. богатый, роскошный; светский

high living - жизнь на широкую ногу  
high life - а) светская жизнь; to live the high life - вести светский образ жизни; high life below stairs - имитация слугами «красивой жизни» хозяев; б) светское общество, высший свет

#### 17. 1) с душком (о мясе, дичи)

this meat is rather high, this meat has rather a high flavour - это мясо с душком /попахивает/

#### 2) дурно пахнущий, воняющий (потом и т. п.)

#### 18. **фон.** верхний, верхнего подъёма; высокого подъёма

high vowel - гласный верхнего подъёма

◇ the Most High - **рел.** Всевышний

high and dry - а) выброшенный или вытасченный на берег (о судне); б) покинутый в беде

high and mighty - **ирон.** высокомерный, надменный, властный, заносчивый [**сп. тж.** high I ◇ ]

high words - гневные слова; разговор в повышенном тоне, крупный разговор

with a high hand - властно

on the high ropes - **разг.** возбуждённый, в возбуждённом состоянии; разгневанный

to be /to get/ high on smth. - быть увлечённым /увлечься/ чем-л.  
 at the concert I got high on the music - музыка, которую я услышал на концерте, увлекла /взволновала/ меня  
 to ride /to mount, to be on/ the high horse, *амер.* to get the high hat - важничать, держаться высокомерно  
 how is that for high? - ну как, здорово сделано /сказано/?  
 high as a kite - *сл.* а) сильно возбуждённый; б) опьянённый алкоголем *или* наркотиками, «зabalдевший»

### 3. [haɪ] *adv*

1. **высоко**  
 to climb high - забраться /залезть/ высоко  
 high up the Thames - далеко вверх по Темзе  
 higher up the river - выше по течению реки  
 to hold one's head high - высоко держать голову  
 to fly high - летать высоко [*см. тж.* ◇ ]  
 to aim high - метить высоко [*см. тж.* ◇ ]  
 to rise high in public esteem - высоко подняться в общественном мнении  
 high er and high er - всё выше и выше
2. **сильно; интенсивно**  
 the wind blows high - дует сильный ветер  
 her heart beat high - её сердце сильно /учащённо/ билось  
 to feed high - обильно кормить, откармливать
3. **дорого**  
 to pay high - дорого платить  
 he went as high as £200 - он готов был заплатить двести фунтов
4. **богато, роскошно**  
 to live high - жить в роскоши, жить широко
5. **высоко, резко, на высоких нотах**  
 to sing high - петь высоким голосом  
 to speak high - говорить резко  
 his voice rose high - а) он заговорил резко /на высоких нотах/; б) он запел высоким голосом  
 ◇ to fly /to aim/ high - иметь честолюбивые замыслы [*см. тж.* 1]  
 to run high - а) вздыматься (*о море*); б) возбуждаться; passions /tempers/ [words] ran high - страсти [споры] разгорелись; в)  
 подниматься, подсакивать (*о ценах и т. п.*)  
 expenditure is running high - расходы растут и растут  
 to play high - *карт.* играть по большой; ходить с крупной карты  
 high and low - повсюду, везде; везде и всюду [*см. тж.* high l ◇ ]  
 to hunt high and low (for smth.) - искать (что-л.) повсюду

## high

**high** [high highs higher highest] *adjective, noun, adverb* *BrE* [haɪ] <sup>u</sup> *NAme*

[haɪ] <sup>u</sup>

*adjective* (high-er, high-est)

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### FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

#### 1. measuring a long distance from the bottom to the top

- What's the highest mountain in the US?
- The house has a high wall all the way round it.
- shoes with high heels
- He has a round face with a high forehead

**Opp:** ↑low

#### 2. used to talk about the distance that sth measures from the bottom to the top

- How high is Everest?
- It's only a low wall— about a metre high.
- The grass was waist-high.
- knee-high boots

### FAR ABOVE GROUND

#### 3. at a level which is a long way above the ground or above the level of the sea

- a high branch/shelf/window
- The rooms had high ceilings.
- streaks of high cloud
- They were flying at high altitude.
- the grasslands of the high prairies

**Opp:** ↑low

### GREATER THAN NORMAL

#### 4. greater or better than normal in quantity or quality, size or degree

- a high temperature/speed/price
- a high rate of inflation
- Demand is high at this time of year.
- a **high level** of pollution

- a **high standard** of craftsmanship
- **high-quality** goods
- a high risk of injury
- A **high degree** of accuracy is needed.
- The tree blew over in the **high winds** .
- We had **high hopes** for the business (= we believed it would be successful) .
- A high proportion of our staff are female.
- The cost in terms of human life was high.

**compare** ↑low (4)

## CONTAINING A LOT

**5.** ~ (in sth) containing a lot of a particular substance

**Opp:** ↑low

- foods which are high in fat
- a high potassium content
- a **high-fat** diet

## RANK/STATUS

**6.** (usually before noun) near the top in rank or status

- She has held **high office** under three prime ministers.
- He has friends **in high places** (= among people of power and influence) .

**Opp:** ↑low

## VALUABLE

**7.** of great value

- to play for high stakes
- My highest card is ten.

## IDEALS/PRINCIPLES

**8.** (usually before noun) morally good

- a man of **high ideals/principles**

## APPROVING

**9.** (usually before noun) showing a lot of approval or respect for sb

- She is held in very high regard by her colleagues.
- You seem to have a **high opinion** of yourself!

**Opp:** ↑low

## SOUND

**10.** at the upper end of the range of sounds that humans can hear; not deep or low

- She has a high voice.
- That note is definitely too high for me.

**Opp:** ↑low

## OF PERIOD OF TIME

**11.** **only before noun** used to describe the middle or the most attractive part of a period of time

- high noon
- high summer

## FOOD

**12.** (of meat, cheese, etc.) beginning to go bad and having a strong smell

## ON ALCOHOL/DRUGS

**13.** **not before noun** ~ (on sth) (informal) behaving in an excited way because of the effects of alcohol or drugs

## PHONETICS

**14.** (phonetics) = ↑close <sup>2</sup>

**more at** (come) hell or high water **at** ↑hell, take, claim, seize, etc. the moral high ground **at** ↑moral <sub>adj.</sub>, of a high order of the highest order **at** ↑order <sub>n.</sub>, a high/low profile **at** ↑profile <sub>n.</sub>, it's about/high time **at** ↑time <sub>n.</sub>

### Word Origin:

Old English hēah, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **hoog** and German **hoch**.

### Thesaurus:

**high** <sub>adj.</sub>

**1.**

- It's the highest mountain in Spain.

**tall** • • **towering** • • **high-rise** • |formal literary **lofty** •

**Opp: low**

- a high/tall/towering/lofty **mountain/cliff**
- a high/tall/high-rise/lofty **tower/building**
- a high/lofty **ceiling**

**High or tall?** Common collocations are

- a high mountain/peak/cliff/wall
- (a) tall building/tower/tree/grass

## Compare

- The room has high windows (= the windows are at the top of the wall near the ceiling).
- The room has tall windows (= the windows stretch from the bottom of the wall to the top).

**2.**

- They charge very high prices for a pretty average service.

**inflated** • • **unreasonable** • • **excessive** • • **disproportionate** • • **expensive** • • **prohibitive** • |informal **steep** • • **astronomical** • |formal **inordinate** • |disapproving **exorbitant** • • **extortionate** •

**Opp: low**

- high/inflated/unreasonable/prohibitive/steep/astronomical/exorbitant/extortionate **prices**
- a/an high/unreasonable/excessive/disproportionate **level**
- high/excessive/prohibitive/astronomical/exorbitant **costs**

**3.**

- She has a high voice.

**high-pitched** • • **sharp** • |disapproving **shrill** • • **piercing** • |music **treble** •

**Opp: low, Opp: deep**

- a high/high-pitched/sharp/shrill/piercing/treble **voice**
- a high/high-pitched/sharp/shrill/piercing **sound**
- a high/sharp/shrill **note**

**High or high-pitched?** This meaning of **high** combines with a few frequent nouns for sounds; **high-pitched** is used for most other sounds

- a high voice/note/key
- a high-pitched noise/scream/whistle/tone

Word Family:

**high** adjective noun adverb

**highly** adverb

**height** noun

**heighten** verb

Which Word?:**high / tall**

**High** is used to talk about the measurement from the bottom to the top of something: ▫ The fence is over five metres high. ◇ He has climbed some of the world's highest mountains. You also use **high** to describe the distance of something from the ground: ▫ How high was the plane when the engine failed?

**Tall** is used instead of **high** to talk about people: ▫ My brother's much taller than me. **Tall** is also used for things that are high and narrow such as trees: ▫ She ordered cold beer in a tall glass. ◇ tall factory chimneys. Buildings can be **high** or **tall**.

Example Bank:

- He was high on drugs.
- Oranges are high in vitamin C.
- There is an extremely high drop-out rate.
- There was a light quite high up.
- They're trying to keep prices high.
- Unemployment remained high for several years.
- Vets have a relatively high suicide rate.
- Your voice sounds very high on the telephone.
- a fairly high pitch
- some fairly high mountains
- the temptation to get high on drugs
- A high proportion of our staff is female.
- Demand is high at this time of the year.
- He has friends in high places.
- Her shoes were black, with high heels.
- High council taxes have forced several local businesses to relocate.
- I can't reach the top shelf— it's too high.
- It's only a low wall— about a metre high.
- The case was referred to a higher court.
- The house has a high wall all the way around it.
- The only windows in the hall were narrow and high.
- They charge very high prices for a pretty average service.
- We had high hopes for the business.
- What's the highest mountain in the US?

• a high court/magistrate/commissioner/priest

• high status/rank/position/office

**Idioms:** ↑have a high old time ▪ ↑high and dry ▪ ↑high and low ▪ ↑high and mighty ▪ ↑high as a kite ▪ ↑in high dudgeon ▪ ↑on high ▪ on your high horse ▪ ↑run high ▪ smell/stink to high heaven

noun

## LEVEL/NUMBER

1. the highest level or number

- Profits reached an **all-time high** last year.

## WEATHER

2. an area of high air pressure; an ↑anticyclone

- A high over southern Europe is bringing fine, sunny weather to all parts.

3. the highest temperature reached during a particular day, week, etc

- Highs today will be in the region of 25°C.

## FROM DRUGS

4. (informal) the feeling of extreme pleasure and excitement that sb gets after taking some types of drugs

- The high lasted all night.

## FROM SUCCESS/ENJOYMENT

5. (informal) the feeling of extreme pleasure and excitement that sb gets from doing sth enjoyable or being successful at sth

- He was **on a real high** after winning the competition.

- the **highs and lows** of her acting career

## SCHOOL

6. used in the name of a high school

- He graduated from Little Rock High in 1982.

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**highly** adverb

**height** noun

**heighten** verb

### Example Bank:

- He hit a career high with his performance as AI.
- He was still on a natural high after cheating death.
- Share prices reached an all-time high yesterday.
- She's been on a real high since she got her exam results.
- The drug gives you a tremendous high.
- The number of prisoners has reached a historic high.
- This show is our swansong— we want to finish on a high.
- the emotional highs and lows of an actor's life
- the high she got from cocaine
- Oil prices hit a high of \$70 a barrel yesterday.

adverb (high-er, high-est)

## FAR FROM GROUND/BOTTOM

1. at or to a position or level that is a long way up from the ground or from the bottom

- An eagle circled high overhead
- I can't jump any higher.
- She never got very high in the company.
- His desk was **piled high** with papers.
- She's **aiming high** (= hoping to be very successful) in her exams.

## VALUE/AMOUNT

2. at or to a large cost, value or amount

- Prices are expected to rise even higher this year.

## SOUND

3. at a high ↑pitch

- I can't sing that high.

**Opp:** ↑low

more at fly high at ↑fly v., hold your head high at ↑head n., be riding high at ↑ride v.

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## high

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I. **high**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /haɪ/ **BrE**<sup>1</sup> **AmE**<sup>1</sup> adjective (comparative **higher**, superlative **highest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑Highness, ↑high; adverb: ↑high, ↑highly; adjective: ↑high]

[Language: Old English; Origin: heah]



1. **FROM BOTTOM TO TOP** measuring a long distance from the bottom to the top **OPP low**:

- " This is the highest mountain in Japan.
- " The camp was surrounded by a high fence.

**100 feet/30 metres etc high**

- " waves up to 40 metres high
- " a ten-foot high statue
- " How high is the Eiffel Tower?

**chest/waist/knee etc high** (=as high as your chest etc)

- " The grass was knee-high.

► Do not use **high** to describe people, animals, trees, and plants. Use **tall**: *You're getting very tall* (NOT *You're getting very high*). | *a tall palm tree* (NOT *a high palm tree*)

2. **ABOVE GROUND** in a position that is a long way, or a longer way than usual, above the ground, floor etc **OPP low**:

- " The apartment had spacious rooms with high ceilings.
- " a high shelf
- " high altitudes
- " The sun was already high in the sky.
- " High up among the clouds, we saw the summit of Everest.

3. **LARGE NUMBER** a high amount, number, or level is large, or larger than usual **OPP low**:

- " Temperatures remained high for the rest of the week.
- " Lower-paid workers often cannot afford the high cost of living in the capital.

**high level/degree/rate etc (of something)**

- " High levels of car use mean our streets are more congested than ever.
- " high crime rates
- " high interest rates

**high price/charge/tax etc**

- " If you want better public services, you'll have to pay higher taxes – it's as simple as that.
- " The train was approaching at high speed.

**high proportion/percentage etc (of something)** (=a very large part of a number)

- " A high proportion of women with children under five work full-time.

4. **GOOD STANDARD** a high standard, quality etc is very good **OPP low**:

- " a high performance computer

**high quality**

- " a range of high quality goods at low prices
- " Our aim is to provide the highest quality service to all our customers.

**high standard** (=very good levels of work, achievement, behaviour etc)

- " The general standard of the entries was very high.
- " Our guests expect us to maintain high standards.

5. **CONTAINING A LOT** containing a lot of a particular substance or quality **OPP low**

**high in something**

- " Choose foods that are high in fiber and low in calories.

**a high sugar/salt/fibre etc content**

- " Red meat tends to have a high fat content.

6. **RANK/POSITION** having an important position in society or within an organization **OPP low**:
- " a high rank in the US Navy
  - " the City's highest honour
- high up** (=in a powerful position)
- " someone high up in the CIA
- high office** (=an important position)
- " Both of them held high office in the Anglican Church.
- high society** (=rich people of the highest social class) ⇒ ↑high-class, ↑high-ranking, ↑high-up, ⇒ friends in high places at ↑friend(11)
7. **ADVANCED** [only before noun] advanced and often complicated:
- " We can offer all the benefits of the latest high technology.
  - " the world of high finance
- the higher animals/mammals/organisms etc** (=animals etc that are more intelligent or advanced than others)
8. **high opinion/regard/praise etc** strong approval of someone or something, or an expression of strong approval:
- " I've always had a high opinion of her work.
- hold somebody/something in high esteem/regard** (=respect them very much)
- " As an educationalist, he was held in very high esteem.
  - " Romsey earned high praise from his boss.
9. **high priority** (also **high on the list/agenda**) important and needing to be done or dealt with quickly:
- " Most people feel that education needs to be given higher priority.
  - " Arms control is high on the agenda.
10. **high hopes/expectations** when someone hopes or expects that something will be very good or successful:
- " My expectations of the place were never very high, but I didn't think it would be this bad.
- have high hopes/expectations**
- " Like many young actors, I had high hopes when I first started out.
11. **SOUND** near or above the top of the range of sounds that humans can hear **OPP low**:
- " I always had difficulty reaching the high notes (=when singing).
  - " a high squeaky voice ⇒ ↑high-pitched
12. **high point** (also **high spot**) *British English* an especially good part of an activity or event:
- " The visit to the ancient capital city was one of the high points of the tour.
13. **high ground**
- a) an area of land that is higher than the area surrounding it:
    - " Villagers herded the livestock to high ground to keep them safe during the floods.
  - b) a better, more moral, or more powerful position in an argument or competition:
    - " Neither side in this conflict can claim the moral high ground.
14. **high spirits** feelings of happiness and energy, especially when you are having fun:
- " It was a bright sunny day and we set off in high spirits.
  - " I don't think they intended any harm – it was just high spirits.
15. **HAPPY/EXCITED** [not before noun] happy and excited:
- " I was still high from the applause.
16. **DRUGS** [not before noun] behaving in a strange and excited way as the result of taking drugs
- high on**
- " Most people there were high on cocaine.
- get high** (=take a drug to make yourself high)
- " Steve was as high as a kite (=strongly affected by drugs or alcohol).
17. **SEA/RIVER** having risen to a high level **OPP low**:
- " The river is at its highest in spring. ⇒ ↑high tide
18. **it is high time somebody did something** used to say that something should be done now:
- " It's high time you got a job.
19. **TIME** the middle or the most important part of a particular period of time:
- " high summer
- high noon** (=12 o'clock in the middle of the day) ⇒ ↑high season
20. **high wind** a strong wind
21. **high alert** a situation in which people are told to be ready because there is a strong possibility of an attack or of something dangerous happening
- put/place somebody on high alert**
- " Troops were put on high alert.
22. **high life/living** the enjoyable life that rich and fashionable people have:
- " We're all stuck here, while he's off living the high life in New York.
23. **high drama/adventure** very exciting events or situations:
- " a life with moments of high drama
24. **end/finish/begin etc (something) on a high note** to end, finish something etc in a successful way:
- " The team finished their tour on a high note in Barbados.
25. **high principles/ideals** ideas about personal behaviour based on the belief that people should always behave in an honest and morally good way:
- " a man of high moral principles
26. **high and mighty** talking or behaving as if you think you are better or more important than other people:
- " Don't get high and mighty with me.
27. **be/get on your high horse** to give your opinion about something in a way that shows you think you are definitely right and that



other people are wrong:

If she'd get down off her high horse for a moment, she might realize there's more than one point of view here.

28. **FOOD** *British English* cheese, meat etc that is high is not fresh and has a strong smell or taste

29. **high days and holidays** *British English* special occasions

30. **high complexion /colouring** *British English* a naturally pink or red face

31. **in high dudgeon** *formal* in an angry or offended way – often used humorously

## 32. LANGUAGE

a) **high style/register** *British English* a very formal style of language, especially used in literature

b) **high German/Dutch etc** a form of a language used for formal purposes that is often different from the ordinary form used by most people

⇒ <sup>1</sup>highly, ⇒ **stink to high heaven** at <sup>1</sup>stink<sup>1</sup>(1)

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## THESAURUS

### ■ 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. | 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.

### ■ COLLOCATIONS CHECK

- **high** mountain/building/wall/fence
- **tall** person/tree/plant/building/tower/statue
- **majestic** mountain/building/tree/animal
- **soaring** building/tower/mountain
- **towering** wall/tree/mountain/building
- **lofty** building/mountain/tree/heights
- **high-rise** building

### ■ sounds

- **high-pitched** higher than most sounds or voices: He has a rather high-pitched voice. | Bats make high-pitched squeaks. | the high-pitched whine of a dentist's drill
- **shrill** high and unpleasant: Her voice became more shrill. | The bird has rather a shrill cry.
- **piercing** extremely high and loud, in a way that is unpleasant: a piercing scream | Suddenly I heard a piercing whistle.
- **squeaky** making very high noises that are not loud: a squeaky gate | squeaky floorboards | a squeaky little voice

## II. **high**<sup>2</sup> *S3 BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *adverb*

[Word Family: noun: <sup>1</sup>Highness, <sup>1</sup>high; adverb: <sup>1</sup>high, <sup>1</sup>highly; adjective: <sup>1</sup>high]

1. **ABOVE THE GROUND** at or to a level high above the ground, the floor etc **OPP low**:

He kicked the ball high into the air, over the heads of the crowd.

**high above/into etc**

Hotel Miramar is situated high above the bay.

A ski lift whisks you high into the mountains.

2. **VALUE/COST/AMOUNT** at or to a high value, cost, amount etc **OPP low**:

If prices shoot up any higher, no one will be able to afford to live in the area.

Tom scored higher than anyone else in the class.

3. **SOUND** with a high sound:

A strange cry rang high into the night.

4. **ACHIEVEMENT** at or to a high rank or level of achievement, especially within a company **OPP low**:

It seems that the higher you rise, the less time you have to actually do your job.

My parents always encouraged me to aim high.

5. **(leave somebody/something) high and dry**

a) if someone is left high and dry, they are left without any help or without the things that they need

b) if a boat, area etc is left high and dry, it is left on land because the water that surrounded it has gone down:

The once-thriving port of Rye was left high and dry as sea levels retreated.

6. **look/search high and low** to try to find someone or something by looking everywhere:

We looked high and low for Sandy but couldn't find her.

⇒ **hold your head high** at <sup>1</sup>hold<sup>1</sup>(16), ⇒ **live high on the hog** at <sup>1</sup>live<sup>1</sup>(26), ⇒ **be riding high** at <sup>1</sup>ride<sup>1</sup>(6), ⇒ **run high** at <sup>1</sup>run<sup>1</sup>(28)

## III. **high**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* <sup>3</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: noun: <sup>1</sup>Highness, <sup>1</sup>high; adverb: <sup>1</sup>high, <sup>1</sup>highly; adjective: <sup>1</sup>high]

1. **NUMBER/AMOUNT** the highest price, number, temperature etc that has ever been recorded, or that has been recorded within a particular period of time:

Highs of 40°C were recorded in the region last summer.

a **new/record/ten-year etc high**

" The price of oil reached a new high this week.

2. **EXCITEMENT** *informal* a feeling of great happiness or excitement:

" They're bound to be on a high after such an incredible victory.

" the emotional highs and lows of a new romance

3. **DRUGS** a feeling of pleasure or excitement produced by some drugs

4. **WEATHER** an area of high ↑**pressure** that affects the weather

5. **SCHOOL** a short form of ↑**high school**, used in the name of a school:

" Benjamin Franklin High

6. **from on high** from someone in a position of authority – used humorously:

" An order came from on high.

7. **on high** *formal*

a) at a high temperature as measured by an electric ↑**oven** etc:

" Microwave on high for eight minutes.

b) *formal* in a high place or heaven:

" An angel came from on high.

## high

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519 **28364**<sup>612</sup> *nn1*

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