

Difference Between Big, Small, Long, Short, Tall, Huge, And Tiny

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Use **big** and **small** to talk about the general size of something.

- Elephants are **big**.
- Mice are **small**.

Note: With **clothing** and **food**, we use **large**, not **big**:

~~I ordered a **big** coffee with milk.~~
I ordered a **large** coffee with milk.
“This shirt is too small for me.”
“What size is it?”
“Medium.”
“OK, I’ll get you a **large**.”

HUGE / TINY

Huge = Very big

Tiny = Very small

- Their new house is **huge!** I think it has 50 rooms.
- “Do you want any cake?”
“Just a **tiny** piece. I’m on a diet.”

Long / Short



Use **long** and **short** to talk about length (horizontal distance). You can also use long and short with time, books, words/sentences, hair, and legs:

- The line to buy tickets for the concert is very **long**. There are hundreds of people waiting.
- The movie is really **long** – about three hours.
- That book is quite **long** – it has about 500 pages.

- Academic writing often uses very **long** sentences.
 - She has **short** blonde hair and gorgeous **long** legs.
- Note:** There are two ways to talk about distance – **far** or **a long way**.
- The beach is **far** from my house.
 - The beach is **a long way** from my house.
 - ~~The beach is long from my house.~~



Use **tall** and **short** to talk about height (vertical distance) – especially with people, but sometimes also with buildings and trees.

- My brother is really **tall**.
- New York City has a lot of **tall** buildings.
- There are many **tall** trees in the Amazon rain forest.