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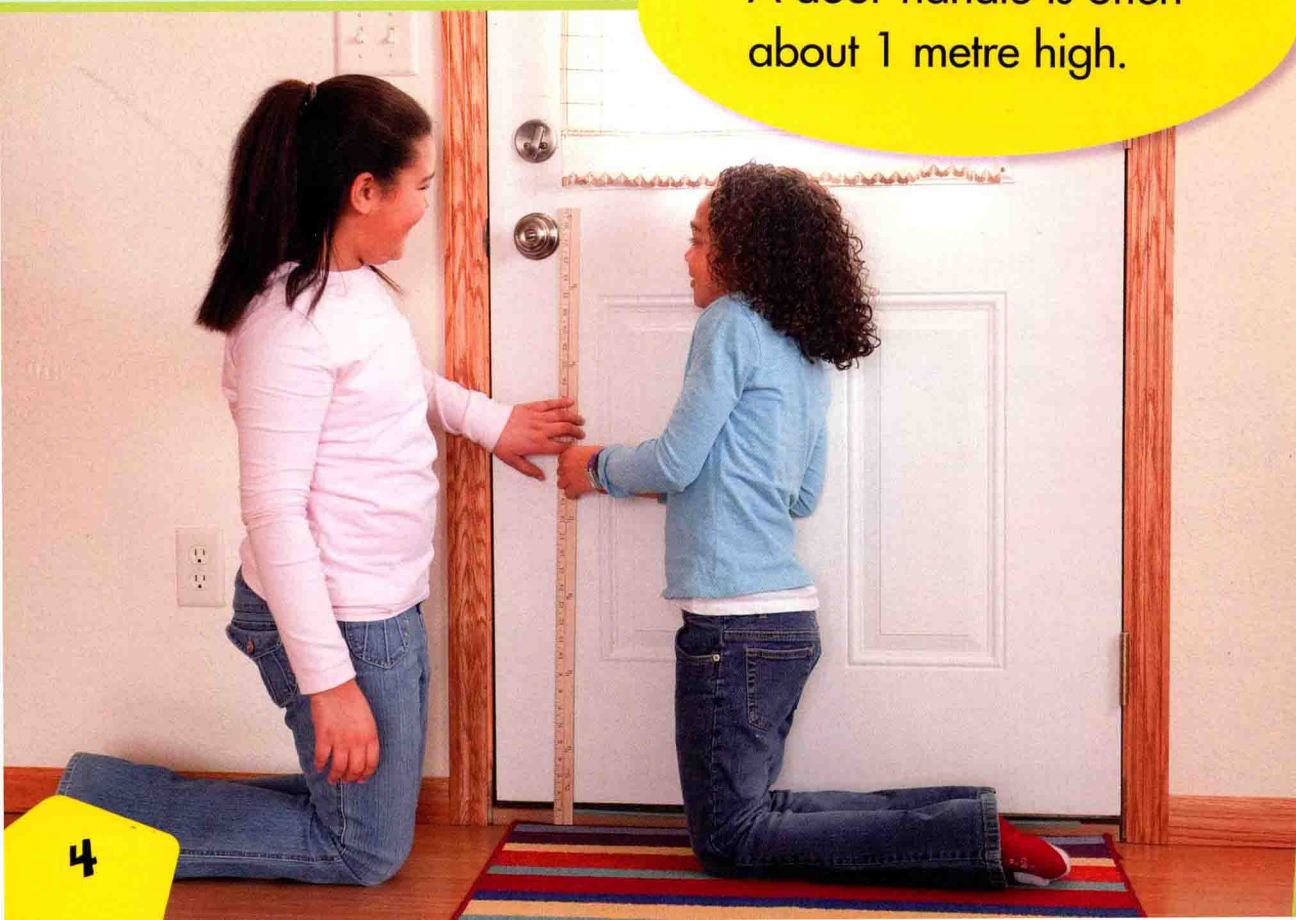
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# Measuring height

The height of something is how tall it is. To measure height you can use a ruler, wall chart, tape measure, or measuring stick. These are marked in millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm), and metres (m).

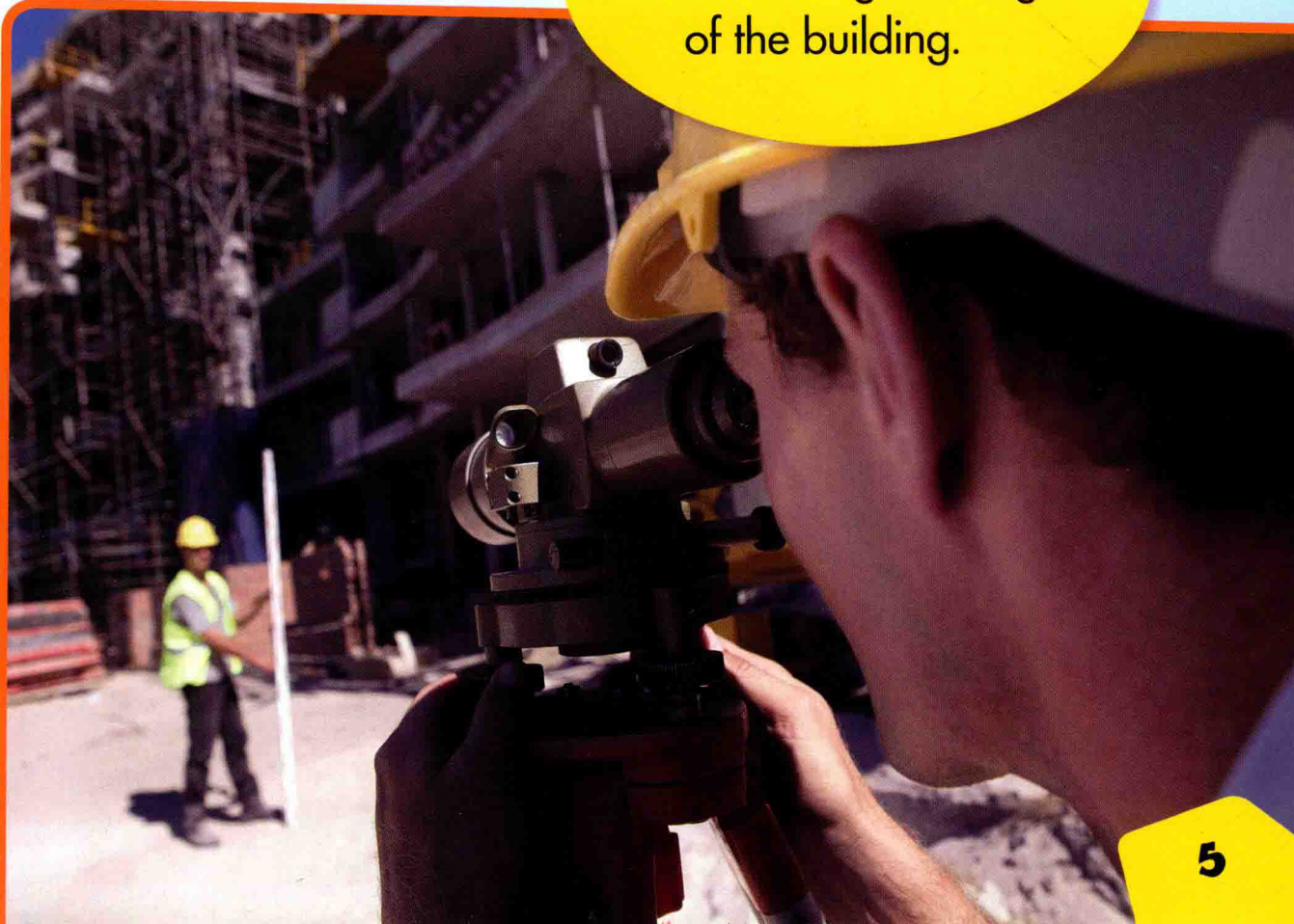
A door handle is often about 1 metre high.





There are some things we can't reach the top of, such as buildings. To measure the height of buildings, experts use special tools which look rather like cameras.

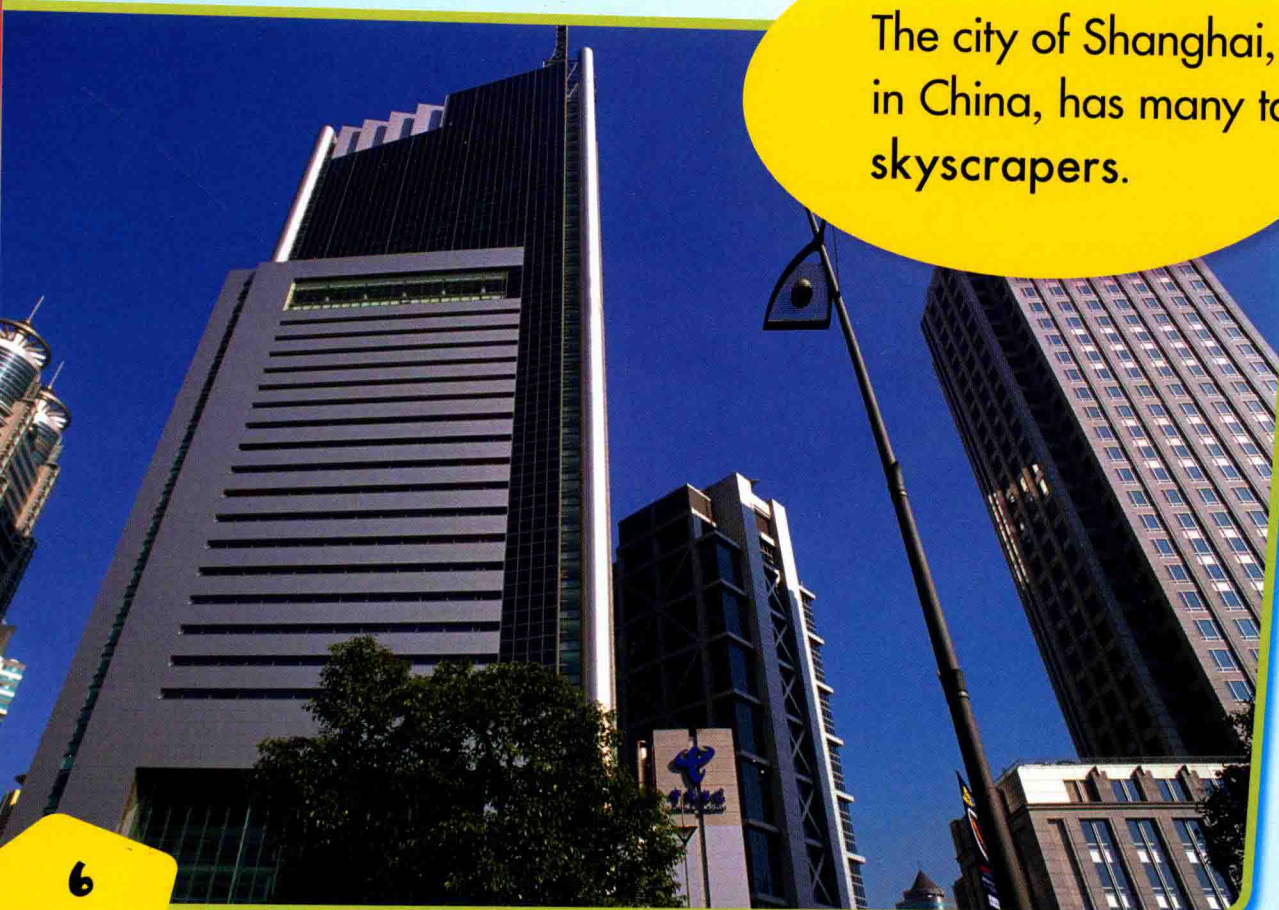
This surveyor is measuring the height of the building.



# Why do people build tall structures?

Tall buildings can be useful. This is because they can fit hundreds or even thousands of people inside, without taking up much ground. This is helpful in crowded cities.

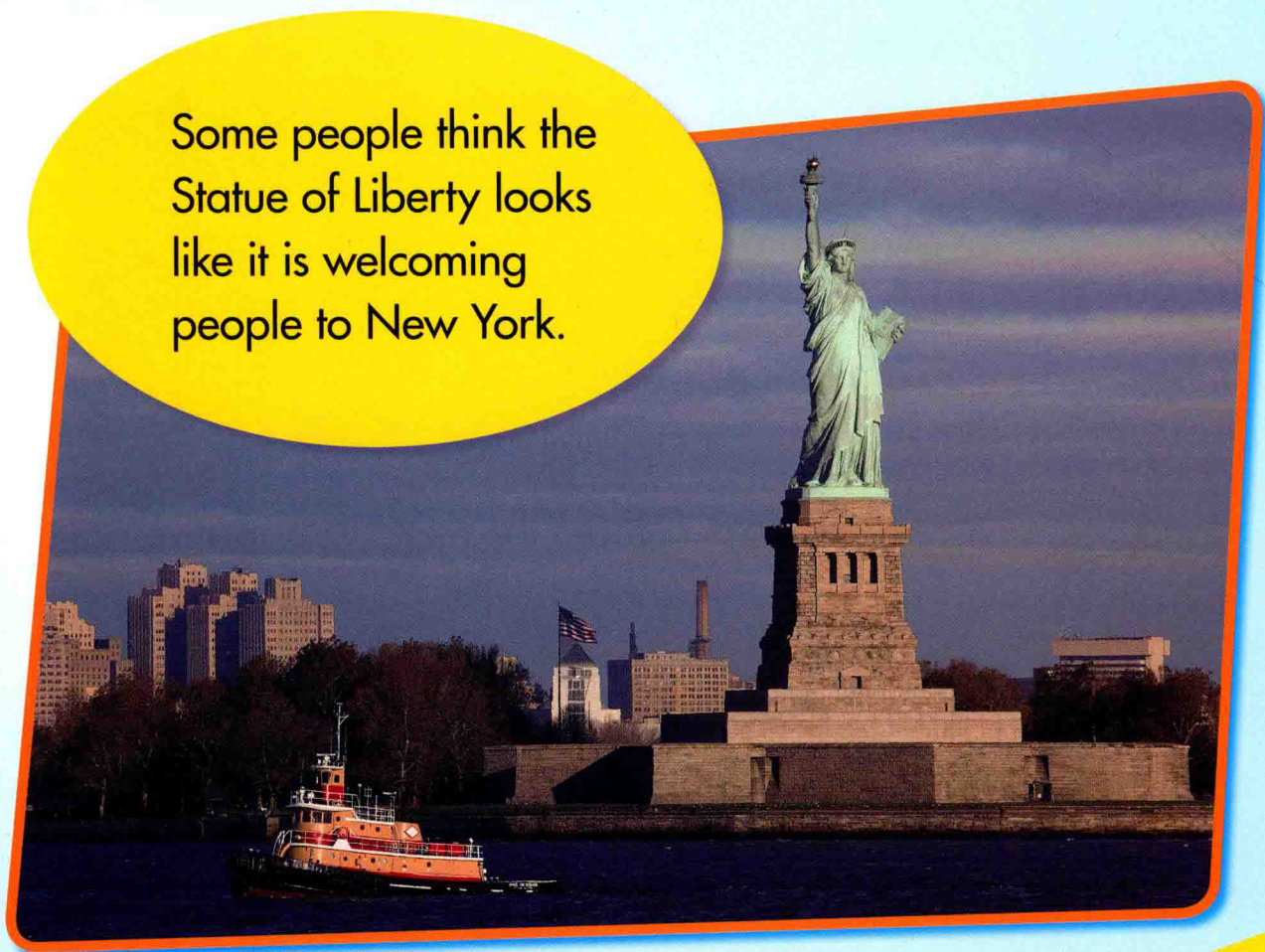
The city of Shanghai, in China, has many tall skyscrapers.





Tall structures can be impressive and beautiful.  
The Statue of Liberty stands in New York Harbor  
in the USA. People on ships heading for New  
York can see the statue from a long way off.

Some people think the  
Statue of Liberty looks  
like it is welcoming  
people to New York.





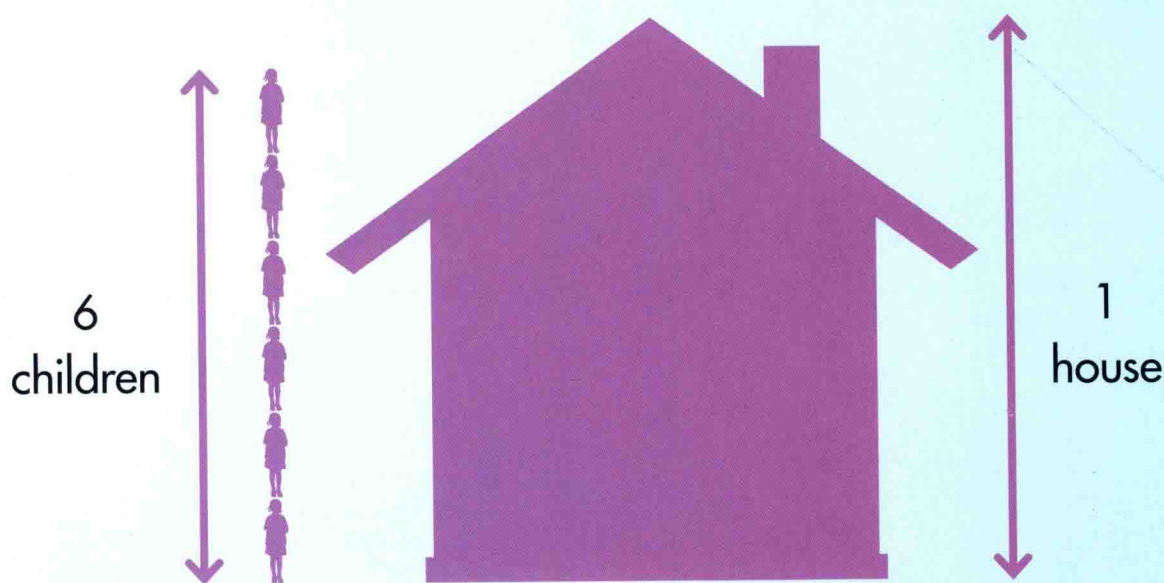
# Measure your height

Have you ever measured how tall you are?  
Compared to a younger brother or sister,  
you might be tall. But how tall is tall?

You can measure  
yourself in centimetres  
or metres.



A house with two floors is often about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  metres high. If you and five of your friends stood on top of each other, you wouldn't quite reach the top of a house.



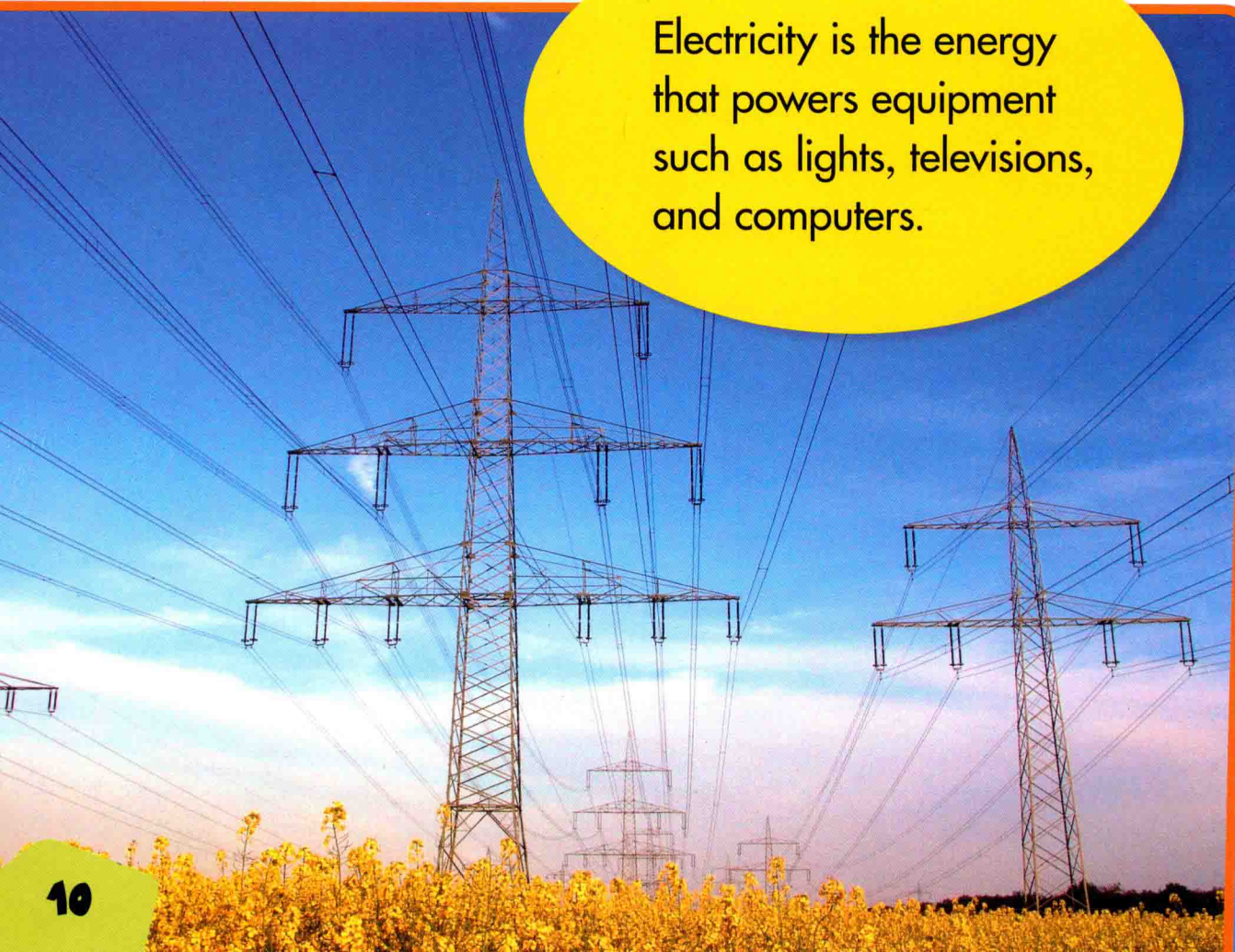
What is taller than a house? →



# Electricity pylons

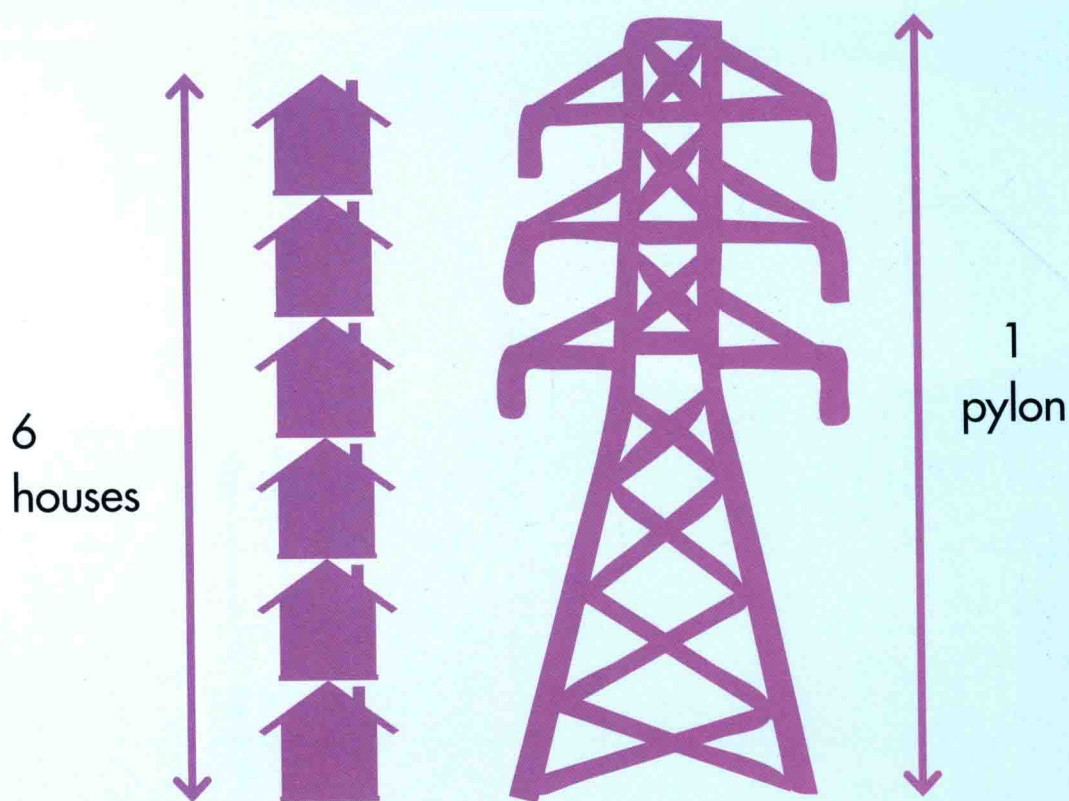
An electricity pylon is taller than a house. Electricity pylons are made from steel. They carry cables for electricity from place to place.

Electricity is the energy that powers equipment such as lights, televisions, and computers.





A regular electricity pylon is about 50 metres tall. This is higher than six houses on top of each other.



What is taller than an electricity pylon? →

# Wind turbines

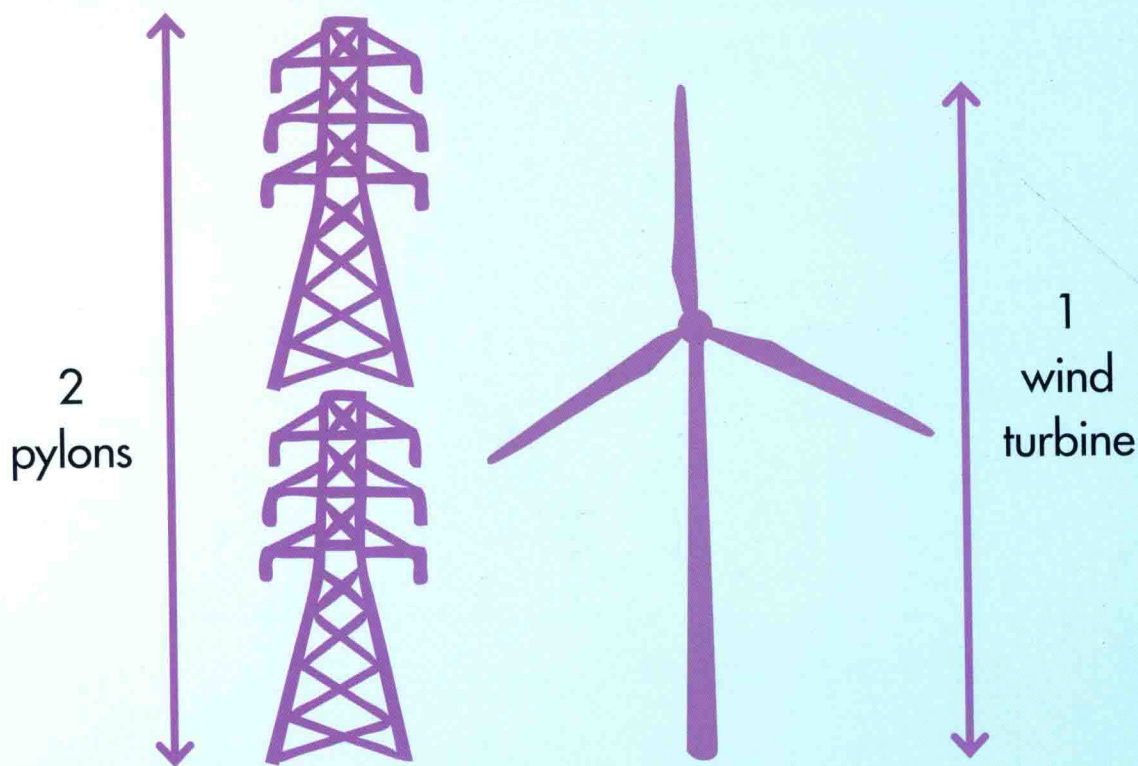
A wind turbine is taller than an electricity pylon.  
Wind turbines are like giant windmills. They use the power of the wind to make electricity.

A group of wind turbines is called a wind farm.





A wind turbine can be around 90 metres tall. This is nearly as high as two electricity pylons on top of each other.



**What is taller than a wind turbine? →**