

# build-ing

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noun

**1** BUILD[countable] a structure such as a house, church, or factory, that has a roof and walls:

*The offices are on the top two floors of the building.*

*a farmhouse and other farm buildings*

**2** [uncountable] BUILD the process or business of building things

→ **construction:**

*There is a limited supply of land for building.*

*stone, timber, and other building materials*

**building of**

*The enquiry recommended the building of a tunnel.*

## COLLOCATIONSense 1

### verbs

put up a building (also erect a building (formal) ) *They keep pulling down the old buildings and putting up new ones.*

pull down/knock down/tear down a building *All the medieval buildings were torn down.*

demolish/destroy a building (= pull it down) *Permission is needed to demolish listed buildings.*

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + building

a tall building *The park was surrounded by tall buildings.*

a high-rise building (= very tall with many floors) *a New York high-rise building*

a low building *That low building is a stable block.*

an office/school/hospital etc building *Our office building is just ten minutes' walk from where I live.*

a public building *The town has a number of interesting public buildings, including the old town hall.*

a beautiful building (also a fine/handsome building **BrE**) *The old*

*station was a fine building, but has sadly been demolished.*

*an impressive/imposing building the impressive buildings around the town's central square*

*a brick/stone/wooden building The farmhouse is a long stone building about a century old.*

*a two-storey/three-storey etc building (= with two, three etc floors) Our villa was a delightful two-storey building.*

*a single-storey/one-storey building (= with only one floor)*

*a historic building (= an old building of historical interest) Most of the historic buildings are from the 18th century.*

*a listed building (BrE) (= a historic building that is protected by a government order) The school is actually a listed building.*

*a derelict building (= empty and in very bad condition) Near the canal there are a number of derelict buildings.*

*a dilapidated building (= in bad condition) He rented an apartment at the top of a dilapidated building in Paris.*

*a ramshackle building (also a tumbledown building BrE) (= old and almost falling down) The farm was surrounded by tumbledown buildings.*

## THESAURUS

**building** a structure such as a house, church, or factory, that has a roof and walls: *The college needs money to pay for new buildings.*

**property** (formal) a building or piece of land, or both together - used especially when talking about buying and selling buildings or land: *The next property they looked at was too small. | The company received permission to build six residential properties on the land.*

**premises** (formal) the buildings and land that a shop, restaurant, company etc uses: *You are not allowed to drink alcohol on the premises. | The bread is baked on the premises.*

**complex** a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose: *The town has one of the best leisure complexes in the country. | a luxury apartment complex*

**development** a group of new buildings that have all been

planned and built together on the same piece of land: *a new housing development* | *a huge industrial development*

block (*especially BrE*) a large tall building that contains apartments or offices, or is part of a school, university, or hospital: *an office block* | *a block of flats* | *a tower block* (= a very tall building - often used disapprovingly) | *My next lecture is in the science block.*

facility (*especially AmE*) a place or building used for a particular activity or industry: *a research facility on campus*

edifice (*formal*) a large building, especially one that is tall and impressive - a very formal use: *Their head office was an imposing edifice.*

structure (*formal*) something that has been made to stand upright - used especially when talking about buildings: *The stone arch is one of the town's oldest existing structures.* | *an immense barn-like structure* | *Mogul calls this building, designed by Donald and John Parkinson in 1928, 'the most important structure in Los Angeles of the 20th century.'*