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# What are some real world examples of normally distributed quantities?

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## 7 Answers



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I vote with Peter Flom and Terry Moore that nothing real follows a Normal distribution.

What is true is that many quantities are approximately bell-shaped in their centers. These are the examples other answers are citing. The reason for that is the Central Limit Theorem, which says (roughly) that if something results from a lot of small influences that are not too correlated with each other, you'll get a Normal distribution. Height, for example, is

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