

KIDS - PRE-A1 - VOCABULARY

Big & Small, Tall & Short

Learn 10 words to describe size, shape, and speed. Is it big or small? Tall or short?

Ages 6-10 | Pre-A1 | ~20 min | Vocabulary

Level	Pre-A1 (Beginner)
Age Group	Kids (6-10)
Skill	Vocabulary
Topic	Describing - Size & Shape
Duration	~20 minutes
Vocabulary	10 describing words (opposites)
Activities	Opposites pairs, matching game, fill-in-the-blanks, quiz

Part 1 - Warm-up

1. What is the biggest animal you know?
2. Are you tall or short?
3. Is a cat big or small?
4. What animal is very fast?

Part 2 - Meet the Size Words!

#	Word	Opposite	What does it mean?
1	big	small	large in size - not small
2	small	big	little in size - not big
3	tall	short	high from bottom to top - not short
4	short	tall	not tall - low from bottom to top
5	long	short	having a great distance from one end to the other
6	fat	thin	having a round, thick body
7	thin	fat	having a narrow, slim body - not fat
8	heavy	light	weighing a lot - difficult to pick up
9	light	heavy	not weighing much - easy to pick up
10	fast	slow	moving quickly - not slow

Opposite Pairs

Word	VS	Opposite
big	vs	small
tall	vs	short
long	vs	short
fat	vs	thin
heavy	vs	light

Part 3 - How to Say It

Describing with "is" and "are":

The elephant **is** big.

The ant **is** small.

Giraffes **are** tall.

Rabbits **are** short.

Comparing with "but":

The elephant is **big**, but the ant is **small**.

The giraffe is **tall**, but the rabbit is **short**.

A rock is **heavy**, but a feather is **light**.

Asking about size:

Is the dog **big** or **small**? - It is big!

Is your dad **tall** or **short**? - He is tall!

Part 4 - Tom and Lily

Read this short story. The **size words** are in bold blue.

Tom and **Lily** are friends. They are in the same class at school. But they are very different!

Lily is **tall**. She is the tallest girl in the class. Tom is **short**. He is the shortest boy. But Tom does not mind. "I am short, but I am **fast**!" he says.

Lily has a **big** dog called Bruno. Bruno is brown and **heavy**. He weighs 40 kilograms! Tom has a **small** cat called Pip. Pip is **light**. Tom can carry Pip in one hand.

At school, Lily has a **long** pencil. It is bright red. Tom has a short pencil. It is very old and very small. "I need a new pencil!" Tom says. Lily laughs.

At lunch, Tom has a **thin** sandwich. It has cheese inside. Lily has a **fat** sandwich. It has cheese, tomato, lettuce, and chicken inside! "Your sandwich is so fat!" Tom says. Lily shares half with Tom.

After school, they race in the park. Tom is **fast**. He runs and runs. Lily is slower, but she has longer legs. In the end, Tom wins! "I am short, but I am the fastest!" he shouts.

Tom and Lily are different. Big and small. Tall and short. But they are the best of friends.

Part 5 - Fill in the Blanks

1. An elephant is _____. An ant is small.
2. A giraffe is _____. A rabbit is short.
3. A snake is very _____. It goes from here to there!
4. A feather is _____. You can hold it easily.
5. A rock is very _____. I cannot pick it up!
6. A cheetah is _____. It can run very quickly!
7. The mouse is very _____. I can hold it in my hand.
8. The man is not fat. He is very _____.

Part 6 - Describe Things! (Speaking)

1. Is an elephant big or small?
2. Are you tall or short?
3. Is a feather heavy or light?
4. What animal is very fast?
5. What is the opposite of big?

Example dialogue:

A: Is an elephant big or small?

B: An elephant is big! It is very, very big!

A: What is the opposite of tall?

B: The opposite of tall is short.

Part 7 - Describe an Animal! (Writing)

Write 3 or 4 short sentences about an animal. Use size words:

Name the animal

Say if it is big or small

Say if it is tall or short, fast or slow

Use "is" and "but" in your writing

Part 8 - Quiz

1. An elephant is very ____.

- A. small
- B. thin
- C. big
- D. short

2. A giraffe is very ____.

- A. short
- B. tall
- C. small
- D. fat

3. What is the opposite of big?

- A. Tall
- B. Fast
- C. Heavy
- D. Small

4. Complete: 'A feather is very ____.'

- A. heavy
- B. big
- C. light
- D. tall

5. A snake is very ____.

- A. short
- B. tall
- C. long
- D. fat

6. Complete: 'The cheetah is very ____.'

- A. slow
- B. short
- C. heavy
- D. fast

7. In the story, who is tall - Tom or Lily?

- A. Lily
- B. Tom
- C. They are the same
- D. The teacher

8. What is the opposite of heavy?

- A. Big
- B. Fast
- C. Light
- D. Thin

Answer Keys

Fill in the Blanks - Answers

1. big
2. tall
3. long
4. light
5. heavy
6. fast
7. small
8. thin

Quiz - Answers

#	Ans	Correct Option
1	C	big
2	B	tall
3	D	Small
4	C	light
5	C	long
6	D	fast
7	A	Lily
8	C	Light