

Descriptions

The table contains common words used to describe things in English.

Note that by using the 'superior' description with the word how, we can make questions:

How tall are you? - Combien mesurez-vous?

How far is it? - à quelle distance...? Combien de kilomètres?

How heavy is it? - Combien ça pèse?

How much luggage do you have? - Vous avez combien de bagages?

| noun | description (superior) | description (inferior) |
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| time (<i>temps</i>) | long | short |
| journey (<i>trajet, voyage</i>) | long | short |
| distance | far | near |
| age | old | young |
| difficulty/hardness (problem etc) | hard | easy |
| hardness (substance) (<i>dureté</i>) | hard | soft |
| height (general) (<i>hauteur</i>) | high | low |
| height (person, mountain, building) | tall | short |
| length (<i>longueur</i>) | long | short |
| width (<i>largeur</i>) | wide | narrow |
| depth (<i>profondeur</i>) | deep | shallow |
| size (general) (<i>taille</i>) | big | small |
| thickness (<i>épaisseur</i>) | thick | thin |
| brightness (<i>luminosité</i>) | bright | dim |
| volume (sound) (<i>son</i>) | loud | quiet |
| quality (<i>qualité</i>) | good | bad |
| quantity (countable) (<i>quantité</i>) | many – a lot | a few |
| quantity (uncountable) | much – a lot | little |
| frequency (<i>fréquence</i>) | often | rare |
| speed (<i>vitesse</i>) | fast | slow |
| intelligence | intelligent – clever | stupid |