ALL ABOUT BUILDINGS

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- **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 British English 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

- facility especially American English 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.

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 British English)

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