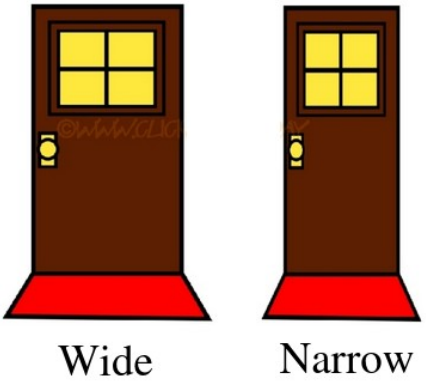
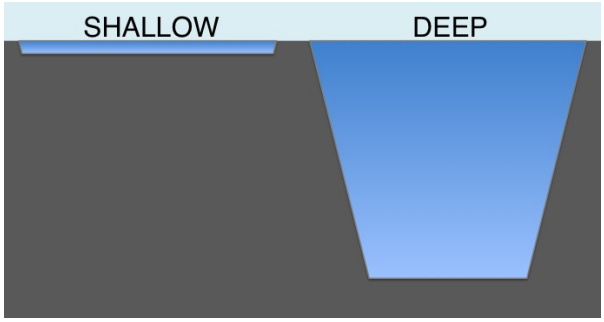
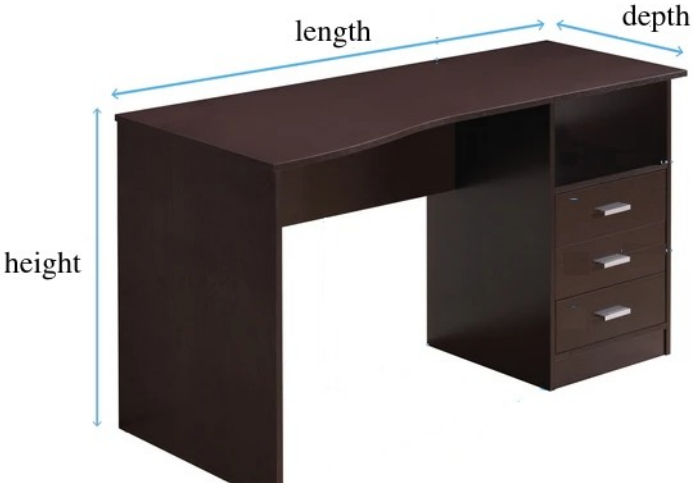
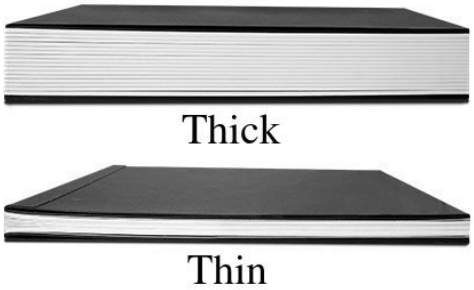
English Vocabulary – Dimensions / Size / Power

Adjectives	**Nouns**	**Verbs** (regular)
wide narrow	width ----	to widen to narrow
long short	length ----	to lengthen to shorten
high low	height ----	to heighten/raise to lower
deep shallow	depth ----	to deepen ----
weighty weightless light heavy	weight weightlessness lightness heaviness	to weigh --- to lighten ---
strong weak	strength weakness	to strengthen to weaken
thick thin	thickness ----	to thicken to thin









Examples

The following examples all use physical contexts, but many of the words can be used in abstract contexts too.

For example: My swimming pool is **deep**. (physical context)
My love for her is **deep**. (abstract context)

Adjectives

1. My swimming pool is 5m **wide**, 12m **long** and 2m **deep**.
2. My swimming pool is **shallow** at one end and **deep** at the other.
3. The river is **narrow** and **shallow** – big ships can't pass.
4. My baggage is **weighty**.
5. Astronauts in space are **weightless**.
6. My bicycle is very **light**. It's made from aluminium.
7. A sack of cement is **heavy**.
8. Spider webs are extremely **strong** and **thin**.
9. MDF is a **weak** material.
10. I prefer **short** pants in the summer and **long** pants in the winter.
11. The bridge is **low** – buses can't pass.
12. The trunks of **high** trees are usually **thick**.

Nouns

1. The maximum **depth** of the Pacific Ocean is 11,022 meters.
2. The **width** of my garage is 1 meter more than the **width** of my car.
3. The **height** of the Eiffel Tower is 324 meters.
4. The **length** of an adult blue whale is about 25 meters.
5. The maximum **weight** allowed for each bag is 32kg.
6. Astronauts in flight experience **weightlessness**.
7. Light alloy has the **strength** of steel and the **lightness** of aluminium.
8. Olivia was worried about the **heaviness** of her backpack.
9. Finding the **weakness** of your opponent is the secret to winning.
10. The **thickness** of a human hair is approximately 70 microns.

Verbs

1. Air companies must **weigh** every bag that they put on an airplane.
2. I would like to **widen** my garden path.
3. The council want to **narrow** the road where I live as part of a traffic-slowing initiative.
4. The teacher told Lucy to **lengthen** her skirt, because it was too short.
5. I had to **shorten** my new jeans, as I have short legs.
6. Some drugs **heighten** your emotions.
7. My son asked me to **raise** the basketball net.
8. I had to **lower** the garden swing for my young son.
9. We need to **deepen** the hole to plant this tree.
10. I removed the encyclopedia to **lighten** my backpack.
11. Iron rods are used in concrete to **strengthen** buildings.
12. A lot of sugar can **weaken** the enamel on your teeth.
13. When making the white sauce, add milk to **thin** it, if necessary.
14. When making the white sauce, add flour to **thicken** it, if necessary.