

Tallest Tower	Grade 5: Forces Acting on Structures and Mechanisms		
Curriculum Connections		Topic	Structures and Mechanisms
			Mechanisms
		Fundamental Concepts	Structure and Function

Description

Do you have what it takes to build the tallest tower? Learn what traits make a tower and put your building skills to the test against internal and external forces.

Big Ideas

We can measure forces in order to determine how they affect structures and mechanisms. This information can be used to guide the design of new structures and mechanisms.

Overall Expectations

2. investigate forces that act on structures and mechanisms.

Specific Expectations

- 2.3 use scientific inquiry/research skills to investigate how structures are built to withstand forces
- **2.4** use technological problem-solving skills to design, build, and test a frame structure that will withstand the application of an external force