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***SKYSCRAPER* AND/OR *CLOUD-SCRAPER*?**

**MORE ASSUMPTIONS AND SPECULATIONS CONCERNING THE USAGE OF THE TERMS FOR TALL BUILDINGS IN SOME EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND IN THE BULGARIAN LANGUAGE**

**Abstract**: To introduce the readers into the topic, some sentences are cited from a previous publication by the same author in which he relied on three of the most authoritative British and American monolingual dictionaries, namely, the *Oxford English Dictionary (O.E.D.),* followed by *Chambers* and *Webster*. For the present ‘continuation’ of the study only the references based on the O.E.D.are important. The older meanings of *Skyscraper* listed in the O.E.D. and in the other sources now-a-days are interesting for linguists only. In almost all one-volume and small-format English-English dictionaries intended for wide audience published throughout the 20th century only one meaning of **skyscraper** is given,and it is **a high-rise building**!

However, there was still an “intrigue” about the surprising pervasion of another American name for tall buildings **– cloud-scraper**, which was neglected in the US. Nevertheless, through still unknown ways it was ‘transferred’ to Europe and was accepted in some languages on the Old continent.

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