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Longest sea bridge links Hong Kong to China

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world's longest sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong, Macau and China's mainland. It is 55 kilometres long. The bridge took a decade to build. Builders made special islands in the river to provide supports for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle of the bridge. This is for ships to sail over. The new bridge is longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges. The bridge will cut the time it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has been cut from three hours to just 30 minutes.

China's president attended the opening ceremony on Thursday. He hopes the bridge will connect 68 million people in 11 cities. Up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link daily by 2030. A trade and tourism expert said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this is a benefit from the economic perspective." Tourists will be able to drive across the bridge, but local car owners will have to buy a special permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 per trip.

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-hong-kong-mega-bridge-20181022-story.html>
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<https://abcnews.go.com/International/worlds-longest-sea-bridge-opens-macau-hong-kong/story?id=58662116>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The world's longest sea bridge | a. it takes |
| 2. China's | b. to build |
| 3. The bridge took a decade | c. for the bridge |
| 4. Builders made special | d. mainland |
| 5. provide supports | e. tunnel |
| 6. a 6.7-kilometre underwater | f. has opened |
| 7. cut the time | g. time |
| 8. The journey | h. islands in the river |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. attended the opening | a. to 29,000 cars |
| 2. connect | b. buses |
| 3. up | c. accessible |
| 4. A trade and | d. trip |
| 5. a lot more | e. perspective |
| 6. a benefit from the economic | f. ceremony |
| 7. shuttle | g. 68 million people |
| 8. cost \$8-\$10 per | h. tourism expert |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world's longest (1) _____ opened. It links Hong Kong, Macau and China's mainland. It is 55 kilometres long. The bridge (2) _____ to build. Builders made special islands in the river (3) _____ for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle of the bridge. This is (4) _____ sail over. The new bridge is longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges. The bridge will (5) _____ it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has been cut from three (6) _____ 30 minutes.

China's president (7) _____ ceremony on Thursday. He hopes the bridge will connect 68 million people in 11 cities. Up to 29,000 cars will cross the (8) _____ by 2030. A trade and tourism expert said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this (9) _____ from the economic perspective." Tourists will be able to drive across the bridge, but (10) _____ will have to (11) _____ permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to (12) _____. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 per trip.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BRIDGES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Bridges in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

