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## Woman marries a bridge

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# THE ARTICLE

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Many countries around the world are discussing same-sex marriage. No country is discussing the rights and wrongs of marrying a bridge. But that is what an Australian woman has done. Artist Jodi Rose fell in love with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got married to it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 guests attended the wedding ceremony to see the happy couple become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the occasion. She also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.

Jodi Rose travels the world visiting bridges. She records the sounds and vibrations they make. She then turns these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog Bridgeland: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at peace in his strong embrace. He makes me feel connected to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose explained why she married the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She also explained her love for it: "The perfect husband... strong and silent," she said.

Sources: <http://metro.co.uk/2013/07/04/i-pronounce-you-bridge-and-wife-woman-marries-600-year-old-french-bridge-3869214/>  
<http://bridgeland.be/story>

# WARM-UPS

**1. MARRIAGE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about marriage. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*marriage / rights and wrongs / bridges / guests / nearby town / wedding dress / ring / travels the world / experimental music / feel at peace / vibration / strong and silent*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. WEDDING:** What's perfect? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Perfect...	What?	Why?
place		
number of guests		
wedding song/music		
promise		
food		
honeymoon		

**4. BRIDGE AND WIFE:** Students A **strongly** believe it's OK to marry a bridge; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. PERFECT PARTNER:** Rank these and share your rankings with your classmates. Put the most important things in a perfect partner at the top.

- rich
- stylish
- funny
- good body
- nice smile
- beautiful eyes
- strong
- loving

**6. LOVE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'love'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Some countries are talking about people marrying bridges.        | T / F |
| b. A woman married a bridge that is 600 years old.                  | T / F |
| c. France said the marriage was legal.                              | T / F |
| d. The wedding ring for the bridge was almost a metre high.         | T / F |
| e. The bride makes music by recording the sounds bridges make.      | T / F |
| f. The bride said it was love at first hearing with the bridge.     | T / F |
| g. She said the bridge makes her feel peaceful when she is near it. | T / F |
| h. She said the bridge was perfect because it is very noisy.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. world        | a. went to          |
| 2. discussing   | b. original         |
| 3. nevertheless | c. linked           |
| 4. attended     | d. talking about    |
| 5. event        | e. thinks highly of |
| 6. sounds       | f. globe            |
| 7. experimental | g. ideal            |
| 8. connected    | h. occasion         |
| 9. values       | i. even so          |
| 10. perfect     | j. noises           |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. same-                           | a. couple               |
| 2. 14 guests attended the          | b. the marriage         |
| 3. the happy                       | c. vibrations they make |
| 4. bless                           | d. sex marriage         |
| 5. Jodi wore a white wedding dress | e. strong and silent    |
| 6. the sounds and                  | f. to the earth         |
| 7. She said it was love            | g. wedding ceremony     |
| 8. I feel                          | h. at first sight       |
| 9. He makes me feel connected      | i. for the occasion     |
| 10. The perfect husband...         | j. at peace             |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

Many countries around the world are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ same-sex marriage. No country is discussing the rights and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of marrying a bridge. But that is what an Australian woman has done. Artist Jodi Rose fell in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got married to it last month. However, France does not (4) \_\_\_\_\_ marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 guests (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding ceremony to see the happy (6) \_\_\_\_\_ become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the occasion. She also had a special (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.

*couple*  
*recognise*  
*wrongs*  
*bless*  
*discussing*  
*ring*  
*love*  
*attended*

Jodi Rose (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the world visiting bridges. She records the sounds and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they make. She then turns these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog Bridgeland: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in his strong embrace. He makes me feel (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose (14) \_\_\_\_\_ why she married the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in (15) \_\_\_\_\_ ". She also explained her love for it: "The (16) \_\_\_\_\_ husband... strong and silent," she said.

*connected*  
*perfect*  
*everything*  
*vibrations*  
*peace*  
*travels*  
*explained*  
*sight*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

- 1) Many countries around the world are discussing same-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sex marriages
  - b. sex marriage
  - c. sex married
  - d. sex marry age
- 2) discussing the \_\_\_\_\_ of marrying a bridge
  - a. rights and wrongs
  - b. wrongs and rights
  - c. right and wrong
  - d. rites and longs
- 3) But that is what an Australian \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. woman has doing
  - b. woman has does
  - c. woman has do
  - d. woman has done
- 4) 14 guests attended the wedding ceremony to see \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the happy couples
  - b. the happy couplet
  - c. the happy couple
  - d. the happy coupled
- 5) Jodi wore a white wedding dress \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for the occasion
  - b. 40 occasion
  - c. for this occasion
  - d. for the occasion
- 6) She records the sounds and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. vibrates they make
  - b. vibrations they make
  - c. vibrating they make
  - d. vibration they make
- 7) She then turns these into \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. experimentally music
  - b. experiential music
  - c. experiment all music
  - d. experimental music
- 8) She said it was love \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. at first site
  - b. for first sight
  - c. at first sight
  - d. on first site
- 9) She added that the bridge makes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. her feel comfortably
  - b. her feel comfortableness
  - c. her feel comfort table
  - d. her feel comfortable
- 10) The perfect husband... \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. strong and silent
  - b. silent and strong
  - c. strongly and silently
  - d. strength and silence

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# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

Many countries around (1) \_\_\_\_\_ same-sex marriage. No country is discussing (2) \_\_\_\_\_ marrying a bridge. But that is what an Australian woman has done. Artist Jodi Rose (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got married to it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ wedding ceremony to see the happy couple become not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding (6) \_\_\_\_\_. She also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.

Jodi Rose (7) \_\_\_\_\_ bridges. She records the sounds and vibrations they make. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Bridgeland: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at peace in his strong embrace. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She (12) \_\_\_\_\_: "The perfect husband... strong and silent," she said.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

1. How many countries are talking about same-sex marriage?

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2. How many countries are talking about marrying bridges?

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3. How old was the bridge the woman married?

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4. How many people went to the wedding?

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5. What was almost a metre high?

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6. What does Jodi do with her recordings?

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7. When did she fall in love with the bridge?

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8. What does the bridge make Jodi feel connected to?

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9. What kind of vibration in everything does Jodi value?

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10. Why is her husband perfect?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

1. How many countries are talking about same-sex marriage?
  - a) just a few
  - b) 14
  - c) many
  - d) between 10 and 20
2. How many countries are talking about marrying bridges?
  - a) none
  - b) two
  - c) 14
  - d) 23
3. How old was the bridge the woman married?
  - a) 600 years old
  - b) 10 years old
  - c) 2,000 years old
  - d) the same age as her
4. How many people went to the wedding?
  - a) none
  - b) 14
  - c) 600
  - d) over 2,000
5. What was almost a metre high?
  - a) the wedding cake
  - b) the bridge
  - c) the bride's hat
  - d) a ring
6. What does Jodi do with her recordings?
  - a) study them
  - b) make music
  - c) sell them to engineers
  - d) keep them at home
7. When did she fall in love with the bridge?
  - a) at first sight
  - b) on her tenth visit
  - c) 2009
  - d) last week
8. What does the bridge make Jodi feel connected to?
  - a) a town
  - b) water
  - c) earth
  - d) a river
9. What kind of vibration in everything does Jodi value?
  - a) changing
  - b) big
  - c) non-stop
  - d) spiritual
10. Why is her husband perfect?
  - a) he's "strong and silent"
  - b) he's "dark and moody"
  - c) he's "kind and generous"
  - d) he's "stony and rocky"

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Being a good cook**

You think being a good cook is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being good with children or a good education.

## **Role B – Being good with children**

You think having a good job is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): being a good cook, being good with children or a good education.

## **Role C – Having a good job**

You think being good with children is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being a good cook or a good education.

## **Role D – A good education**

You think a good education is most important for a partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their points. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): having a good job, being good with children or being a good cook.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'fall' and 'love'.

<b>fall</b>	<b>love</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• countries</li><li>• wrongs</li><li>• last</li><li>• guests</li><li>• happy</li><li>• special</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• travels</li><li>• music</li><li>• sight</li><li>• non-stop</li><li>• why</li><li>• strong</li></ul>
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# MARRIAGE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

Write five GOOD questions about marriage 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.

# MARRIAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'marriage'?
- c) How has marriage changed in the past 100 years?
- d) What is marriage to you?
- e) What do you think of someone marrying a bridge?
- f) Should countries let people marry things?
- g) What do you think the wedding ceremony was like?
- h) What wedding vow (promise) do you think Jodi made to the bridge?
- i) What wedding present would you buy the bridge and wife?
- j) Why do so many marriages these days break up?

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# MARRIAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do celebrity marriages work?
- c) Have you ever fallen in love at first sight?
- d) What wedding vows (promises) would you make to your partner?
- e) What is the perfect marriage?
- f) Are married people happier than unmarried people?
- g) Who is your perfect partner?
- h) What do you think of arranged marriage?
- i) Does marriage change you?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Jodi?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                  |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) distressing | (b) disgusting   | (c) disturbing | (d) discussing |
| 2.  | (a) mishaps     | (b) errors       | (c) mistakes   | (d) wrongs     |
| 3.  | (a) felt        | (b) done         | (c) been       | (d) had        |
| 4.  | (a) within      | (b) inside       | (c) between    | (d) in         |
| 5.  | (a) near        | (b) nearly       | (c) nearby     | (d) nears      |
| 6.  | (a) occasion    | (b) occasionally | (c) occasions  | (d) occasioned |
| 7.  | (a) noisy       | (b) sounds       | (c) din        | (d) volume     |
| 8.  | (a) at          | (b) in           | (c) on         | (d) for        |
| 9.  | (a) Through     | (b) Although     | (c) Throughout | (d) Thorough   |
| 10. | (a) then        | (b) that         | (c) after      | (d) finished   |
| 11. | (a) valuables   | (b) valuableness | (c) values     | (d) vales      |
| 12. | (a) silently    | (b) silenced     | (c) silence    | (d) silent     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. icudigsnss same-sex marriage
2. the rights and ngoswr of marrying a bridge
3. France doesn't gsernecoi (UK) ncrziegoe (USA) marriages...
4. the wedding reynoecm
5. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the oiasccon
6. a ilcespa ring

## Paragraph 2

7. sounds and ntvbisaori
8. mteepirlnxea music
9. He makes me feel noncedcte
10. makes her feel orebmafloct
11. it was clyomsbi
12. ptercef husband

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Jodi Rose travels the world visiting bridges. She records the sounds and vibrations they
- ( ) at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog Bridgeland: "Although he is made of stone...I feel
- ( ) but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage. Jodi wore a
- ( ) and wrongs of marrying a bridge. But that is what an Australian woman has done. Artist Jodi Rose fell
- ( ) married to it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 guests
- ( ) at peace in his strong embrace. He makes me feel connected to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel
- ( ) she married the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She also
- ( **1** ) Many countries around the world are discussing same-sex marriage. No country is discussing the rights
- ( ) make. She then turns these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love
- ( ) white wedding dress for the occasion. She also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.
- ( ) comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose explained why
- ( ) attended the wedding ceremony to see the happy couple become not man and wife,
- ( ) explained her love for it: "The perfect husband... strong and silent," she said.
- ( ) in love with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of The marrying rights a and bridge wrongs.

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2. attended Nevertheless the , wedding 14 ceremony guests.

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3. mayor also of came the nearby The town.

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4. dress occasion wore wedding the Jodi white for a.

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5. also had a special ring made for the bridge She.

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6. records they the make sounds and She vibrations.

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7. then She music experimental into these turns.

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8. it sight was love She at said first.

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9. makes the me earth feel connected He to.

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10. why she Ms married Rose the explained bridge.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

Many countries around the world are *discussion / discussing* same-sex marriage. No country is discussing the rights and *mistakes / wrongs* of marrying a bridge. But that is what an Australian woman has *had / done*. Artist Jodi Rose *gone / fell* in love with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got *marriage / married* to it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages *in / between* people and bridges. *Never / Nevertheless*, 14 guests *attended / attention* the wedding ceremony to see the happy *couple / duet* become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the *occasionally / occasion*. She also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge.

Jodi Rose travels the world *visiting / visits* bridges. She records the sounds and *vibrations / vibrates* they make. She then *turns / twists* these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. She *posted / pasted* on her blog Bridgeland: "Although he is made of *stone / stony*...I feel at peace in his strong embrace. He makes me feel *connection / connected* to the earth." She added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable *then / after* travelling non-stop around the world. Ms Rose *explained / explanation* why she married the bridge, saying it was symbolic because she *prices / values* "the spiritual vibration in everything". She also explained her love for it: "The perfect husband... strong and *silence / silent*," she said.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M\_ny c\_\_ntr\_\_s \_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld \_r\_ d\_sc\_ss\_ng  
s\_m\_-s\_x m\_rr\_\_g\_. N\_ c\_\_ntry \_s d\_sc\_ss\_ng th\_  
r\_ghts \_nd wr\_ngs \_f m\_rry\_ng \_ br\_dg\_. B\_t th\_t \_s  
wh\_t \_n \_\_str\_l\_\_n w\_m\_n h\_s d\_n\_. \_rt\_st J\_d\_ R\_s\_  
f\_ll \_n l\_v\_ w\_th th\_ 600-y\_\_r-ld L\_ P\_nt d\_ D\_\_bl\_  
(th\_ D\_v\_l's Br\_dg\_) \_n Fr\_nc\_ \_nd g\_t m\_rr\_\_d t\_ \_t  
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m\_rr\_\_g\_s b\_tw\_\_n p\_\_pl\_\_nd br\_dg\_s. N\_v\_rth\_l\_ss,  
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bl\_ss th\_ m\_rr\_\_g\_. J\_d\_ w\_r\_ \_ wh\_t w\_dd\_ng dr\_ss  
f\_r th\_ \_cc\_s\_\_n. Sh\_ \_ls\_ h\_d \_sp\_c\_\_l\_r\_ng (wh\_ch  
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"S\_ng\_ng Br\_dg\_s" pr\_j\_ct. Sh\_ s\_\_d \_t w\_s l\_v\_ \_t  
f\_rst s\_gh\_t f\_r th\_ D\_v\_l's Br\_dg\_. Sh\_ p\_st\_d \_n h\_r  
bl\_g Br\_dg\_l\_nd: "lth\_\_gh h\_\_s m\_d\_ \_f st\_n... \_f\_\_l  
\_t p\_\_c\_ \_n h\_s str\_ng \_mbr\_c\_. H\_ m\_k\_s m\_ f\_\_l  
c\_nn\_ct\_d t\_ th\_ \_\_rth." Sh\_ \_dd\_d th\_t th\_ br\_dg\_  
m\_k\_s h\_r f\_\_l c\_mf\_rt bl\_ \_ft\_r tr\_v\_ll\_ng n\_n-st\_p  
\_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld. Ms R\_s\_ \_xpl\_\_n\_d why sh\_ m\_rr\_\_d  
th\_ br\_dg\_, s\_y\_ng \_t w\_s symb\_l\_c b\_c\_\_s\_ sh\_  
v\_l\_\_s "th\_ sp\_r\_t\_\_l v\_br\_t\_\_n \_n \_v\_ryth\_ng". Sh\_  
\_ls\_ \_xpl\_\_n\_d h\_r l\_v\_ f\_r\_t: "Th\_ p\_rf\_ct h\_sb\_nd...  
str\_ng \_nd s\_l\_nt," sh\_ s\_\_d.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130707-marriage.html>

many countries around the world are discussing same-sex marriage no country is discussing the rights and wrongs of marrying a bridge but that is what an Australian woman has done artist Jodi Rose fell in love with the 600-year-old Le Pont du Diable (the Devil's Bridge) in France and got married to it last month however France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges nevertheless 14 guests attended the wedding ceremony to see the happy couple become not man and wife but bridge and wife the mayor of the nearby town also came to bless the marriage Jodi wore a white wedding dress for the occasion she also had a special ring (which is almost one metre high) made for the bridge

Jodi Rose travels the world visiting bridges she records the sounds and vibrations they make she then turns these into experimental music for her "Singing Bridges" project she said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge she posted on her blog Bridgeland "although he is made of stone...i feel at peace in his strong embrace he makes me feel connected to the earth" she added that the bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling non-stop around the world Ms Rose explained why she married the bridge saying it was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything" she also explained her love for it "the perfect husband... strong and silent" she said

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Manycountriesaroundtheworldarediscussingsame-sexmarriage.Nocountryis discussingtherightsandwrongsofmarryingabridge.Butthat'swhatanAustralian womanhasdone.ArtistJodiRosefellinlovewiththe600-year-oldLePontduDiable (theDevil'sBridge)inFranceandgotmarriedtoitlastmonth.However,France does notrecognisemarriagesbetweenpeopleandbridges.Nevertheless,14guests attendedtheweddingceremonytoseethehappycouplebecomeanotmanandwife, butbridgeandwife.Themayorofthenearbytownalsocametoblessthemarriage. Jodiworeawhiteweddingdressfortheoccasion.Shealsohadaspecialring(which isalmostonemetrehigh)madeforthebridge.JodiRosetravelstheworldvisiting bridges.Sherecordsthesoundsandvibrations-theymake.Shethenturnstheseto experimentalmusicforher"SingingBridges"project.Shesaiditwasloveatfirstsight fortheDevil'sBridge.ShepostedonherblogBridgeland:"Althoughheismadeof stone...Ifeelatpeaceinhisstrongembrace.Hemakesmefeelconnectedtothe earth."Sheaddedthatthebridgemakesherfeelcomfortableaftertravellingnon-stoparoundtheworld.MsRoseexplainedwhyshe marriedthebridge,sayingitwas symbolicbecause shevalues"thespiritualvibrationineverything".Shealso explainedherloveforit:"Theperfecthusband...strongandsilent,"shesaid.





# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MARRIAGE:** Make a poster about marriage. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BRIDGE AND WIFE:** Write a magazine article about the marriage. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to the bridge. Ask him three questions about being married. Give him/her three pieces of advice on what to do for a happy marriage. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. world        | a. globe            |
| 2. discussing   | b. talking about    |
| 3. nevertheless | c. even so          |
| 4. attended     | d. went to          |
| 5. event        | e. occasion         |
| 6. sounds       | f. noises           |
| 7. experimental | g. original         |
| 8. connected    | h. linked           |
| 9. values       | i. thinks highly of |
| 10. perfect     | j. ideal            |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Many
2. None
3. 600 years old
4. 14
5. The ring for the bridge
6. She makes music
7. At first sight
8. The earth
9. The spiritual vibration
10. He is "strong and silent"

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)