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Longest sea bridge links Hong Kong to China

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

The world's longest sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong and Macau to mainland China. The bridge is called the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and is 55 kilometres long. The bridge took over a decade to construct. Builders had to make artificial islands in the Pearl River Delta to provide the supports for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle of the bridge. This is to allow ships to sail through the Delta. The new bridge stretches longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined up end to end. The bridge will greatly cut the time it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has been cut from over three hours to just 30 minutes.

Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the bridge on Thursday. He hopes the new crossing will help to connect 68 million people in 11 different cities. China's government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link daily by the year 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." The bridge will be open to tourists to drive across it. However, local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge unless they have a special permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for a single trip.

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-hong-kong-mega-bridge-20181022-story.html>
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/17/c_136902782.htm
<https://abcnews.go.com/International/worlds-longest-sea-bridge-opens-macau-hong-kong/story?id=58662116>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

sea / bridge / mainland / decade / artificial / islands / underwater / tunnel / journey / opening ceremony / connect / daily / trade / tourism / passengers / permit / shuttle

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

3. SEA: Students A **strongly** believe bridges should not be built in the sea; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ~EST: What are the world's record breakers? What do you think of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	What do you think?
Tallest building		
Longest tunnel		
Best hotel		
Coldest place		
Most expensive house		
Longest bridge		

5. CHINA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "China". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TRANSPORT LINKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important transport links at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bridges
- tunnels
- airports
- ports
- railway stations
- taxi ranks
- space ports
- cycle lanes

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. mainland | a. A period of ten years. |
| 2. decade | b. Made or produced by human beings rather than in nature, especially as a copy of something that is natural. |
| 3. construct | c. An act of travelling from one place to another. |
| 4. artificial | d. Build or make something. |
| 5. provide | e. In a row, next to each other. |
| 6. lined up | f. A large area of land that includes the biggest part of a country (and not its islands). |
| 7. journey | g. Make available for use; supply. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. attended | h. A special religious or public event, usually one for an anniversary or special event. |
| 9. ceremony | i. Join together to provide access and communication. |
| 10. connect | j. An official document that lets someone do something. |
| 11. daily | k. A person who has a lot of knowledge in a particular area. |
| 12. expert | l. Done, produced, or occurring every day or every weekday. |
| 13. perspective | m. Went to an event; was present somewhere. |
| 14. permit | n. A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

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

- a. The new bridge links Hong Kong, Macau and China. **T / F**
- b. The new bridge took over 20 years to build. **T / F**
- c. Construction of the bridge included the making of manmade islands. **T / F**
- d. The bridge will cut over two hours from the journey time to Macau. **T / F**
- e. The new bridge will connect 11 million people in 68 different cities. **T / F**
- f. As many as 29,000 cars will cross the bridge every day by next year. **T / F**
- g. Only tourists can drive across the bridge without a special permit. **T / F**
- h. There is a shuttle bus that will take people across the bridge for \$20. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. links | a. manmade |
| 2. construct | b. specialist |
| 3. artificial | c. only |
| 4. greatly | d. motor vehicle |
| 5. just | e. build |
| 6. expert | f. license |
| 7. perspective | g. journey |
| 8. car | h. connects |
| 9. permit | i. viewpoint |
| 10. trip | j. considerably |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. The world's longest sea bridge | a. ceremony of the bridge |
| 2. It links Hong Kong and Macau to mainland | b. has been cut |
| 3. The bridge took over a decade | c. perspective |
| 4. artificial | d. to construct |
| 5. The journey time to Macau | e. connect 68 million people |
| 6. Xi Jinping attended the opening | f. China |
| 7. the new crossing will help to | g. tourism expert |
| 8. A trade and | h. shuttle bus |
| 9. this is a benefit from the economic | i. has opened |
| 10. Most drivers will take a | j. islands |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

The world's longest sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong and Macau to (1) _____ China. The bridge is called the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and is 55 kilometres long. The bridge took over a (2) _____ to construct. Builders had to make artificial islands in the Pearl River Delta to provide the (3) _____ for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the (4) _____ of the bridge. This is to allow ships to sail (5) _____ the Delta. The new bridge stretches (6) _____ than 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined up end to end. The bridge will greatly cut the time it (7) _____ to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has been cut from over three hours to (8) _____ 30 minutes.

supports
takes
decade
through
just
mainland
middle
longer

Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the (9) _____ ceremony of the bridge on Thursday. He (10) _____ the new crossing will help to (11) _____ 68 million people in 11 different cities. China's government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link daily by the year 2030. A trade and tourism (12) _____ said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this is a (13) _____ from the economic perspective." The bridge will be (14) _____ to tourists to drive across it. However, local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge (15) _____ they have a special permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for a (16) _____ trip.

hopes
single
opening
benefit
expert
unless
connect
open

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

- 1) ... and is 55 kilometres long. The bridge took over _____ construct
 - a. a decadence to
 - b. a decades to
 - c. a decade to
 - d. a deck aid to
- 2) Builders had to make artificial islands in the Pearl River Delta to provide the _____
 - a. supports four the bridge
 - b. supports for the bridge
 - c. supports for them bridge
 - d. supports for then bridge
- 3) There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the _____ bridge
 - a. middle off the
 - b. middles of their
 - c. middle of the
 - d. middles of the
- 4) The new bridge stretches longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined up _____
 - a. end two end
 - b. end to end
 - c. end too ends
 - d. ends to end
- 5) The journey time to Macau has been cut from over three hours _____ minutes
 - a. to justice 30
 - b. to justly 30
 - c. to adjust 30
 - d. to just 30
- 6) Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening _____ bridge
 - a. ceremony off the
 - b. ceremony oft the
 - c. ceremony of the
 - d. ceremony if the
- 7) He hopes the new crossing will help to _____ million people
 - a. connect 68
 - b. connects 68
 - c. connection 68
 - d. connected 68
- 8) government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea _____ the year 2030
 - a. link daily buy
 - b. link daily by
 - c. link daily bye
 - d. link daily bay
- 9) accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this is a benefit from the _____
 - a. economic perspective
 - b. economic prescriptive
 - c. economic Perspex is
 - d. economic per speck tick
- 10) a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for _____
 - a. a singled trip
 - b. a single trip
 - c. a shingle trip
 - d. a sin gall trip

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

The world's longest sea (1) _____. It links Hong Kong and Macau to mainland China. The bridge is called the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and is 55 kilometres long. The bridge (2) _____ decade to construct. Builders had to make artificial islands in the Pearl River Delta to provide (3) _____ the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle of the bridge. This is to allow ships to sail through the Delta. The new bridge (4) _____ 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined (5) _____ end. The bridge will greatly cut the time it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has (6) _____ over three hours to just 30 minutes.

Chinese President Xi Jinping (7) _____ ceremony of the bridge on Thursday. He hopes the new crossing will help to connect 68 million (8) _____ different cities. China's government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link daily by the year 2030. A trade (9) _____ said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this (10) _____ from the economic perspective." The bridge will be open to tourists to drive across it. However, local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge unless they have (11) _____. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

1. How long is the new Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge?
2. How long did it take to construct the bridge?
3. How long is the underwater tunnel that is in the middle of the bridge?
4. What is the new bridge over 14 times longer than?
5. How long will it now take to get to Macau?
6. Who did the article say will attend the opening ceremony?
7. By when will there be 29,000 cars crossing the bridge every day?
8. Who said Hong Kong will be more accessible for passengers and trade?
9. What will local car owners need to drive across the bridge?
10. How much will the shuttle bus cost to cross the bridge?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

- 1) How long is the new Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge?
 - a) 51 kilometres
 - b) 53 kilometres
 - c) 55 kilometres
 - d) 57 kilometres
- 2) How long did it take to construct the bridge?
 - a) more than 10 years
 - b) exactly 10 years
 - c) about 10 years
 - d) less than 10 years
- 3) How long is the underwater tunnel that is in the middle of the bridge?
 - a) 7.6-kilometre
 - b) 5.7-kilometre
 - c) 7.7-kilometre
 - d) 6.7-kilometres
- 4) What is the new bridge over 14 times longer than?
 - a) Akashi Kaikyo Bridge
 - b) the Golden Gate Bridge
 - c) Bosphorus Bridge
 - d) London Bridge
- 5) How long will it now take to get to Macau?
 - a) an hour and 30 minutes
 - b) 50 minutes
 - c) 30 minutes
 - d) an hour
- 6) Who did the article say will attend the opening ceremony?
 - a) a trade expert
 - b) China's president
 - c) a bridge expert
 - d) the bridge's architect
- 7) By when will there be 29,000 cars crossing the bridge every day?
 - a) 2020
 - b) 2022
 - c) 2025
 - d) 2030
- 8) Who said Hong Kong will be more accessible for passengers and trade?
 - a) a driver
 - b) a trade expert
 - c) an architect
 - d) an Internet company CEO
- 9) What will local car owners need to drive across the bridge?
 - a) a special permit
 - b) an electric car
 - c) an advanced driving license
 - d) a special GPS
- 10) How much will the shuttle bus cost to cross the bridge?
 - a) \$18-\$20
 - b) \$6-\$8
 - c) \$9
 - d) \$8-\$10

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bridges

You think bridges are the most important transport links. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, cycle lanes or space ports.

Role B – Airports

You think airports the most important transport links. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bridges, cycle lanes or space ports.

Role C – Cycle Lanes

You think cycle lanes the most important transport links. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, bridges or space ports.

Role D – Space Ports

You think space ports the most important transport links. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their links. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, cycle lanes or bridges.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

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

sea	bridge
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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">• opened• 55• decade• middle• 14• three	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• president• 11• 2030• benefit• local• single
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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.

BRIDGES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'sea'?
3. What do you think of the new bridge?
4. What new bridges does your country need?
5. How safe is a bridge across the sea?
6. How safe is a 2.7-kilometre tunnel under the sea?
7. What would your country be like without bridges?
8. What is your favourite bridge, and why?
9. What environmental damage might the bridge have created?
10. What three adjectives best describe this story?

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BRIDGES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'bridge'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think the opening ceremony was like?
15. Have you ever attended an opening ceremony?
16. How proud might Chinese people be about this bridge?
17. Would you like to see a bridge to the Moon?
18. How will this bridge benefit Hong Kong and Macau?
19. Why can't local car owners drive across the bridge?
20. What questions would you like to ask the bridge's designer?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony (7) _____ the bridge on Thursday. He hopes the new crossing will help to (8) _____ 68 million people in 11 different cities. China's government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link (9) _____ by the year 2030. A trade and tourism expert said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for (10) _____, passengers and trade, so this is a benefit from the economic perspective." The bridge will be open to tourists to drive across it. However, local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge (11) _____ they have a special permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for a single (12) _____.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) opens | (b) opening | (c) opened | (d) openings |
| 2. | (a) over | (b) more | (c) much | (d) longer |
| 3. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) by | (d) as |
| 4. | (a) allow | (b) allot | (c) allure | (d) allude |
| 5. | (a) from | (b) end | (c) up | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) lone | (b) up | (c) mere | (d) just |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) of | (d) so |
| 8. | (a) contact | (b) respect | (c) detect | (d) connect |
| 9. | (a) daily | (b) day | (c) date | (d) days |
| 10. | (a) goods | (b) good | (c) goodness | (d) goodies |
| 11. | (a) thus | (b) unless | (c) though | (d) however |
| 12. | (a) trap | (b) trope | (c) trip | (d) traipse |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ianmdanl China
2. over a edecad to construct
3. lfaitracii islands
4. deirpov the supports for the bridge
5. a 6.7-kilometre underwater unlten
6. lrytega cut the time it takes

Paragraph 2

7. attended the opening meryceno
8. onncte 68 million people
9. a lot more ccseaelibs
10. this is a enebitf
11. they have a special eirtpm
12. \$10 for a nelgis trip

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () up end to end. The bridge will greatly cut the time it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong
- () Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the bridge on
- () across it. However, local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge unless they have a special
- () provide the supports for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle
- () Thursday. He hopes the new crossing will help to connect 68 million people in 11 different cities. China's
- () and Macau. The journey time to Macau has been cut from over three hours to just 30 minutes.
- () expert said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible for goods, passengers and trade, so this is a
- () of the bridge. This is to allow ships to sail through the Delta. The new bridge stretches longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined
- () government believes that up to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link daily by the year 2030. A trade and tourism
- () China. The bridge is called the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and is 55 kilometres long. The bridge took over
- () benefit from the economic perspective." The bridge will be open to tourists to drive
- () a decade to construct. Builders had to make artificial islands in the Pearl River Delta to
- () permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for a single trip.
- (**1**) The world's longest sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong and Macau to mainland

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

1. to took bridge a The decade construct . over
2. in There a tunnel middle . is the also
3. allow through . is sail to This to ships
4. bridge it the cut The takes . will time
5. been has Macau The to time cut . journey
6. hopes new help . crossing will He the
7. in Connect 11 cities . 68,000,000 different people
8. This Kong Hong accessible . a more makes lot
9. from is a benefit This the perspective . economic
10. take Most a will drivers bus . shuttle

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

The world's longest sea bridge has *opening / opened*. It links Hong Kong and Macau to mainland China. The bridge is called the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and is 55 kilometres *long / length*. The bridge took over a decade to construct. Builders had to make *artificially / artificial* islands in the Pearl River Delta to *provision / provide* the supports for the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle *off / of* the bridge. This is to allow ships to *sail / sale* through the Delta. The new bridge stretches longer than 14 Golden Gate Bridges lined *down / up* end to end. The bridge will *greatly / great* cut the time it takes to travel from mainland China to Hong Kong and Macau. The journey time to Macau has *been / being* cut from over three hours to *just / justly* 30 minutes.

Chinese President Xi Jinping *attention / attended* the opening ceremony of the bridge on Thursday. He *hopes / hops* the new crossing will help to *divide / connect* 68 million people in 11 different cities. China's government believes that *down / up* to 29,000 cars will cross the sea link *day / daily* by the year 2030. A trade and tourism expert said: "This makes Hong Kong a lot more *access / accessible* for goods, passengers and trade, so this is a benefit from the economic perspective." The bridge will be open *to / at* tourists to drive across *them / it*. However, local car owners will not be *ability / able* to cross the bridge unless they have a special permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey. The shuttle buses will cost \$8-\$10 for a single *trip / trap*.

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

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

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T h _ w _ r _ l _ d ' s l _ n _ g _ s _ t s _ _ b _ r _ d _ g _ h _ s _ _ p _ n _ d _ .
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From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge.html>

the worlds longest sea bridge has opened it links hong kong and macau to mainland china the bridge is called the hong kongzhuhaimacau bridge and is 55 kilometres long the bridge took over a decade to construct builders had to make artificial islands in the pearl river delta to provide the supports for the bridge there is also a 67kilometre underwater tunnel in the middle of the bridge this is to allow ships to sail through the delta the new bridge stretches longer than 14 golden gate bridges lined up end to end the bridge will greatly cut the time it takes to travel from mainland china to hong kong and macau the journey time to macau has been cut from over three hours to just 30 minutes

chinese president xi jinping attended the opening ceremony of the bridge on thursday he hopes the new crossing will help to connect 68 million people in 11 different cities chinas government believes that up to 29000 cars will cross the sea link daily by the year 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 the bridge will be open to tourists to drive across it however local car owners will not be able to cross the bridge unless they have a special permit most drivers will take a shuttle bus to make the journey the shuttle buses will cost 810 for a single trip.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. WORLD BRIDGE: Write a magazine article about building a bridge that goes around the whole world. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on bridges. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas for a new bridge. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. links | a. connects |
| 2. construct | b. build |
| 3. artificial | c. manmade |
| 4. greatly | d. considerably |
| 5. just | e. only |
| 6. expert | f. specialist |
| 7. perspective | g. viewpoint |
| 8. car | h. motor vehicle |
| 9. permit | i. license |
| 10. trip | j. journey |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. 55 kilometres long
2. Over a decade
3. 6.7 kilometres
4. The Golden Gate Bridge
5. Thirty minutes
6. China's president
7. 2030
8. A trade and tourism expert
9. A special permit
10. \$8-\$10

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The bridge took over a decade to construct.
2. There is also a tunnel in the middle.
3. This is to allow ships to sail through.
4. The bridge will cut the time it takes.
5. The journey time to Macau has been cut.
6. He hopes the new crossing will help.
7. Connect 68,000,000 people in 11 different cities.
8. This makes Hong Kong a lot more accessible.
9. This is a benefit from the economic perspective.
10. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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