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Level 5 – 29th September 2025

World's tallest bridge opens in China

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A record-breaking bridge opened on Sunday in China. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge in Guizhou Province is the world's tallest bridge. It stands at a height of 625 metres above the Beipan River. The 2,890-metre-long bridge also has the longest span of any bridge ever constructed in mountainous terrain. Its main span stretches 1,420 metres. The bridge will have a significant impact on the regional economy and revitalize rural areas. It will also slash the travel time between the two sides of the Beipan River from two hours to just two minutes.

China has an amazing prowess in bridge-building. The 18 tallest bridges in the world are in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also has a further 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is full of cutting-edge engineering. It has a wind-resistant design and is built for high altitude. A spokesperson said the bridge would become a sightseeing spot. It could attract more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, a geological museum, and a bungee-jumping centre.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A record- | a. 1,420 metres |
| 2. the world's | b. height of 625 metres |
| 3. It stands at a | c. terrain |
| 4. the longest span | d. the travel time |
| 5. constructed in mountainous | e. breaking bridge |
| 6. Its main span stretches | f. regional economy |
| 7. have a significant impact on the | g. tallest bridge |
| 8. It will also slash | h. of any bridge |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. China has an amazing prowess | a. a million visitors |
| 2. The 18 tallest bridges | b. three are in Guizhou |
| 3. The top | c. a sightseeing spot |
| 4. It has a wind- | d. centre |
| 5. the bridge would become | e. in the world |
| 6. It could attract more than | f. museum |
| 7. a geological | g. in bridge-building |
| 8. a bungee-jumping | h. resistant design |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has an ⁽⁷⁾ _____ bridge-building. The 18 tallest bridges in the world are in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also ⁽⁸⁾ _____ 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is full ⁽⁹⁾ _____ engineering. It has a wind-resistant design and is built ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____. A spokesperson said the bridge would become a sightseeing spot. It ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, ⁽¹²⁾ _____, and a bungee-jumping centre.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BRIDGES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250929-huaijiang-grand-canyon-bridge-4.html>

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **bridges** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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