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World's tallest bridge opens in China

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THE ARTICLE

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A record-breaking bridge opened to traffic on Sunday in China. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge in mountainous Guizhou Province is now the world's tallest bridge. It stands at a lofty height of 625 metres above the Beipan River. The feat of engineering also has the longest span of any bridge that has been constructed in rugged terrain. The bridge is 2,890 metres long, with the main span stretching 1,420 metres. The crossing will have a significant impact on the economy, logistics, and travel times in the region. It will slash the travel time between the two sides of the Beipan River from two hours to just two minutes. A spokesperson said it would revitalize rural areas.

China is displaying an impressive level of prowess in bridge-building. The website [highestbridges.com](https://www.highestbridges.com) lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been constructed or are under construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also boasts a further 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full of cutting-edge engineering features in its wind-resistant design and high-altitude construction. The spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing spot and attract more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, a geological museum, and a bungee-jumping centre.

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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?

record / bridge / mountainous / height / feat / engineering / terrain / travel time / impressive / prowess / construction / cutting edge / high altitude / sightseeing / cafe

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

3. TUNNELS: Students A **strongly** believe tunnels are better than bridges; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FAMOUS BRIDGES: What do you know about these famous bridges? What do you think of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think
Golden Gate Bridge		
Ponte Vecchio		
Tower Bridge		
Sydney Harbour Bridge		
Langkawi Sky Bridge		
Akashi-Kaikyo 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. INFRASTRUCTURE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important infrastructure at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Bridges
- Dams
- Tunnels
- Rail networks
- Airports
- Hospitals
- Sewage systems
- Electricity grids

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. lofty | a. The land in an area, especially how it looks or feels. |
| 2. feat | b. The length or the time between two points. |
| 3. span (noun) | c. Something difficult that someone does well. |
| 4. rugged | d. Make something strong, active, or full of life again. |
| 5. terrain | e. Very high or tall. |
| 6. logistics | f. Rough and not smooth. |
| 7. revitalize | g. The planning of how to move and organize things. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. prowess | h. Have something special or good. |
| 9. boast (verb) | i. Not easily harmed or affected by something. |
| 10. cutting-edge | j. About the rocks, earth, and land. |
| 11. feature (noun) | k. Very new and modern. |
| 12. resistant | l. Bring or pull something or someone closer. |
| 13. attract | m. An important or useful part of something. |
| 14. geological | n. Great skill or ability. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The record-breaking Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge is a footbridge. **T / F**
2. The main support of the bridge is 625 metres tall. **T / F**
3. The bridge has the longest span of any bridge in the world. **T / F**
4. The bridge cuts travel time across the river from 2 hours to 2 minutes. **T / F**
5. The world's 18 tallest bridges are in China. **T / F**
6. There is a total of 32,000 bridges in China. **T / F**
7. The Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge is expected to be a tourist spot. **T / F**
8. People will be able to bungee jump from the Huaijiang Canyon Bridge. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. lofty | a. possesses |
| 2. feat | b. countryside |
| 3. slash | c. location |
| 4. revitalize | d. tall |
| 5. rural | e. cut |
| 6. prowess | f. entice |
| 7. boasts | g. skill |
| 8. cutting edge | h. achievement |
| 9. spot | i. innovative |
| 10. attract | j. reinvigorate |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. A record-breaking bridge opened | a. of engineering |
| 2. The feat | b. resistant design |
| 3. have a significant | c. revitalize rural areas |
| 4. It will slash | d. construction |
| 5. A spokesperson said it would | e. the travel time |
| 6. China is displaying an impressive | f. museum |
| 7. under | g. level of prowess |
| 8. full of cutting- | h. to traffic on Sunday |
| 9. its wind- | i. impact on the economy |
| 10. a geological | j. edge engineering features |

GAP FILL

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

A record-breaking bridge opened to (1) _____ on Sunday in China. The Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge in mountainous Guizhou Province is now the world's tallest bridge. It stands at a (2) _____ height of 625 metres above the Beipan River. The (3) _____ of engineering also has the longest span of any bridge that has been constructed in (4) _____ terrain. The bridge is 2,890 metres long, with the main span (5) _____ 1,420 metres. The crossing will have a significant impact on the economy, (6) _____, and travel times in the region. It will (7) _____ the travel time between the two sides of the Beipan River from two hours to just two minutes. A spokesperson said it would revitalize (8) _____ areas.

lofty
stretching
rugged
rural
traffic
logistics
feat
slash

China is displaying an impressive level of (9) _____ in bridge-building. The website highestbridges.com (10) _____ the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been constructed or are (11) _____ construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also (12) _____ a further 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full of (13) _____ -edge engineering features in its wind-resistant design and high- (14) _____ construction. The spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing spot and (15) _____ more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, a (16) _____ museum, and a bungee-jumping centre.

under
attract
lists
prowess
geological
cutting
altitude
boasts

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) in mountainous Guizhou Province is now the world's tallest bridge. It stands at _____
 - a. a lofted height
 - b. a loft tie height
 - c. aloft tee height
 - d. a lofty height
- 2) the longest span of any bridge that has been constructed _____
 - a. in rugged terrain
 - b. in rug id terrain
 - c. in ragged terrain
 - d. in rug kid terrain
- 3) have a significant impact on the economy, logistics, and travel times _____
 - a. in the regional
 - b. in the region
 - c. in the legion
 - d. in the reason
- 4) slash the travel time between the two sides of the Beipan River from two hours to _____
 - a. just too minutes
 - b. adjust two minutes
 - c. just two minutes
 - d. justly two minutes
- 5) A spokesperson said it would _____
 - a. revitalize aural areas
 - b. revitalize rural areas
 - c. revitalize Ural areas
 - d. revitalize rare all areas
- 6) China is displaying an impressive level of prowess _____
 - a. in bridge-building
 - b. on bridge-building
 - c. up bridge-building
 - d. so bridge-building
- 7) all of which have been constructed or _____
 - a. are under construction
 - b. are over construction
 - c. are above construction
 - d. are asunder construction
- 8) Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world _____
 - a. are locales there
 - b. are low crated there
 - c. are lock rated there
 - d. are located there
- 9) full of cutting-edge engineering features in its wind-resistant design and _____
 - a. high-attitude construction
 - b. high-alto tube construction
 - c. high-altitude construction
 - d. high-attribute construction
- 10) The spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing spot _____
 - a. and extract more
 - b. and attack more
 - c. and attract more
 - d. and attraction more

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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China is displaying an impressive (7) _____ in bridge-building. The website highestbridges.com lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been constructed (8) _____ construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also (9) _____ 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full of cutting-edge engineering features in (10) _____ design and high-altitude construction. The spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing (11) _____ more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, (12) _____, and a bungee-jumping centre.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did the bridge open to in Sunday?
2. How high above a river is the bridge?
3. How long is the bridge's main span?
4. How much time has the bridge saved to cross the Beipan River?
5. What did a spokesperson say the bridge would revitalize?
6. How many of the tallest bridges in the world are in China?
7. How many of the tallest bridges in the world are in Guizhou Province?
8. What is the Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge full of?
9. How many visitors are expected to visit the bridge each year?
10. What kind of museum is there at the bridge?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1) What did the bridge open to in Sunday?
a) a parade
b) shoppers
c) traffic
d) speeches | 6) How many of the tallest bridges in the world are in China?
a) 19
b) 18
c) 17
d) 16 |
| 2) How high above a river is the bridge?
a) 625 metres
b) 652 metres
c) 265 metres
d) 526 metres | 7) How many of the tallest bridges in the world are in Guizhou Province?
a) 18
b) 100
c) a dozen
d) 3 |
| 3) How long is the bridge's main span?
a) 1,240 metres
b) 1,420 metres
c) 1,402 metres
d) 1,204 metres | 8) What is the Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge full of?
a) concrete
b) cutting-edge engineering features
c) history
d) pictures made by schoolchildren |
| 4) How much time has the bridge saved to cross the Beipan River?
a) one hour
b) two hours
c) two minutes
d) one hour and 58 minutes | 9) How many visitors are expected to visit the bridge each year?
a) a few thousand
b) more than a million
c) hundreds of thousands
d) millions |
| 5) What did a spokesperson say the bridge would revitalize?
a) bridge-building
b) the ecosystem
c) rural areas
d) tourism | 10) What kind of museum is there at the bridge?
a) a geological museum
b) a bridge museum
c) an ecological museum
d) a bungee-jumping museum |

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Bridges

You think bridges are the most important parts of a country's infrastructure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, sewage systems or electricity grids.

Role B – Airports

You think airports are the most important parts of a country's infrastructure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): bridges, sewage systems or electricity grids.

Role C – Sewage Systems

You think sewage systems are the most important parts of a country's infrastructure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, bridges or electricity grids.

Role D – Electricity Grids

You think electricity grids are the most important parts of a country's infrastructure. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): airports, sewage systems or bridges.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'bridge' and 'traffic'.

bridge	traffic

- 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">• traffic• stands• rugged• main• impact• slash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• level• lists• boasts• full• expects• cafe
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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 'bridge'?
3. What do you think of bridges?
4. What kinds of bridges are there in your country?
5. Should there be bridges across oceans and seas?
6. How great is it that engineers can create amazing bridges?
7. What is the greatest ever feat of engineering?
8. What impact do bridges have on local economies?
9. Would you worry about being on a high bridge?
10. Where would you like to see a bridge built?

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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 'traffic'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Which country is best at building things?
15. Why are all of the world's highest bridges in China?
16. Are bridges or tunnels better?
17. What are the most beautiful bridges in the world?
18. What bridges in your country are sightseeing spots?
19. What do you think of bungee jumping off the world's highest bridge?
20. What questions would you like to ask bridge builders?

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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China is displaying an impressive level of (7) _____ in bridge-building. The website highestbridges.com lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been constructed or are (8) _____ construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also boasts a further 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full of (9) _____-edge engineering features in its wind-(10) _____ design and high-altitude construction. The spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing (11) _____ and attract more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, a geological museum, and a bungee-jumping (12) _____.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) to | (b) in | (c) on | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) lefty | (b) loafer | (c) lofty | (d) liftoff |
| 3. | (a) float | (b) feet | (c) feat | (d) foot |
| 4. | (a) blanketed | (b) carpeted | (c) matted | (d) rugged |
| 5. | (a) significant | (b) signify | (c) significance | (d) significantly |
| 6. | (a) aural | (b) rural | (c) ariel | (d) rival |
| 7. | (a) height | (b) duress | (c) proof | (d) prowess |
| 8. | (a) above | (b) under | (c) over | (d) up |
| 9. | (a) chopping | (b) slicing | (c) cutting | (d) grating |
| 10. | (a) resisting | (b) resistance | (c) resist | (d) resistant |
| 11. | (a) speck | (b) patch | (c) dot | (d) spot |
| 12. | (a) kernal | (b) centre | (c) hub | (d) inner |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. It stands at a folty height of 625 metres
2. teaf of engineering
3. constructed in grdegu terrain
4. The crossing will have a icsfiigntna impact
5. ociglsits, and travel times
6. it would tizveerial rural areas

Paragraph 2

7. an impressive level of srsoewp
8. sbstoa a further 32,000 spans
9. cutting-edge engineering urfeseat
10. in its wind-raestntis design
11. high-luetdiat construction
12. a gagecooill museum

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A record-breaking bridge opened to traffic on Sunday in China. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge in
- () and travel times in the region. It will slash the travel time between the two sides
- () China is displaying an impressive level of prowess in bridge-building. The website highestbridges.com
- () construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also boasts a further 32,000 spans. Nearly
- () expects the bridge will become a sightseeing spot and attract more than a million
- () half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there. The Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full
- () height of 625 metres above the Beipan River. The feat of engineering also has the longest
- () lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been constructed or are under
- () mountainous Guizhou Province is now the world's tallest bridge. It stands at a lofty
- () of cutting-edge engineering features in its wind-resistant design and high-altitude construction. The spokesperson
- () of the Beipan River from two hours to just two minutes. A spokesperson said it would revitalize rural areas.
- () span of any bridge that has been constructed in rugged terrain. The bridge is 2,890 metres long, with the main span
- () stretching 1,420 metres. The crossing will have a significant impact on the economy, logistics,
- () visitors a year. It has a cafe, a geological museum, and a bungee-jumping centre.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. record-breaking A opened bridge traffic to China in .
2. The of feat has engineering longest the span .
3. crossing The have will significant a impact economic .
4. Slash travel the between time two the sides .
5. spokesperson A it said revitalize would areas rural .
6. China displaying is impressive an of level prowess .
7. lists It world's the tallest 18 bridges .
8. of Half world's the highest 100 bridges .
9. bridge The full is cutting-edge of features engineering .
10. He it expects become will sightseeing a spot .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A record-breaking bridge opened to traffic on Sunday in China. The Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge in *mountains / mountainous* Guizhou Province is now the world's tallest bridge. It stands at a *lofty / lefty* height of 625 metres above the Beipan River. The *feat / feet* of engineering also has the longest span of any bridge that has been constructed in *matted / rugged* terrain. The bridge is 2,890 metres long, with the *main / mainly* span stretching 1,420 metres. The *crossing / cross* will have a significant impact *at / on* the economy, logistics, and travel times *in / on* the region. It will *slash / stash* the travel time between the two sides of the Beipan River from two hours to just two minutes. A spokesperson said it would revitalize rural *area / areas*.

China is displaying *the / an* impressive level of prowess *in / on* bridge-building. The website highestbridges.com lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world, all of which have been *constructing / constructed* or are under construction in China. The top three are in Guizhou, which also *boasts / boast* a further 32,000 spans. Nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world *are / be* located there. The Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge is also full of cutting-edge engineering *futures / features* in its wind-resistant design and high-altitude construction. The spokesperson *expects / excepts* the bridge will become a sightseeing *spate / spot* and attract more than a million visitors a year. It has a cafe, a *geological / geologically* museum, and a bungee-jumping *centre / kernel*.

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

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

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_ r_c_r_d-br__k_ng br_dg_ _p_n_d t_ tr_ff_c _n S_nd_y
_n Ch_n_. Th_ H__j__ng Gr_nd C_ny_n Br_dg_ _n
m__nt__n__s G__zh__ Pr_v_nc_ _s n_w th_ w_rld's
t_ll_st br_dg_. _t st_nds _t _ l_fty h__ght _f 625
m_tr_s _b_v_ th_ B__p_n R_v_r. Th_ f__t _f
_ng_n__r_ng _ls_ h_s th_ l_ng_st sp_n _f _ny br_dg_
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tr_v_l t_m_s _n th_ r_g__n. _t w_ll sl_sh th_ tr_v_l
t_m_ b_tw__n th_ tw_ s_d_s _f th_ B__p_n R_v_r
fr_m tw_ h__rs t_ j_st tw_ m_n_t_s. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a recordbreaking bridge opened to traffic on sunday in china the huaijiang grand canyon bridge in mountainous guizhou province is now the worlds tallest bridge it stands at a lofty height of 625 metres above the beipan river the feat of engineering also has the longest span of any bridge that has been constructed in rugged terrain the bridge is 2890 metres long with the main span stretching 1420 metres the crossing will have a significant impact on the economy logistics and travel times in the region it will slash the travel time between the two sides of the beipan river from two hours to just two minutes a spokesperson said it would revitalize rural areas

china is displaying an impressive level of prowess in bridgebuilding the website highestbridges.com lists the 18 tallest bridges in the world all of which have been constructed or are under construction in china the top three are in guizhou which also boasts a further 32000 spans nearly half of the 100 highest bridges in the world are located there the huaijiang grand canyon bridge is also full of cuttingedge engineering features in its windresistant design and highaltitude construction the spokesperson expects the bridge will become a sightseeing spot and attract more than a million visitors a year it has a cafe a geological museum and a bungeejumping centre

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

Write about **bridges** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

We should look at building bridges across oceans. Discuss.

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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. BUNGEE JUMPING: Write a magazine article about all bridges having a bungee-jumping facility. 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 on how to attract more visitors to bridges. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. h	3. e	4. j	5. b
6. g	7. a	8. i	9. c	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Traffic
- 625 metres
- 1,420 metres
- One hour and 58 minutes
- Rural areas
- Eighteen
- Three
- Cutting-edge engineering features
- More than a million
- A geological museum

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- A record-breaking bridge opened to traffic in China.
- The feat of engineering has the longest span.
- The crossing will have a significant economic impact.
- Slash the travel time between the two sides.
- A spokesperson said it would revitalize rural areas.
- China is displaying an impressive level of prowess.
- It lists the world's 18 tallest bridges.
- Half of the world's 100 highest bridges.
- The bridge is full of cutting-edge engineering features.
- He expects it will become a sightseeing spot.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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