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Level 0 – 24th October, 2018

Longest sea bridge links Hong Kong to China

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge-0.html>

The world's longest sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong and mainland China. It is 55 kilometres long and took 10 years to build. Special islands in the river support the bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre tunnel for ships to sail over. The travel time between mainland China and Macau will be cut by two-and-a-half hours.

China's president was at the opening ceremony. The bridge will link 68 million people. Up to 29,000 cars will cross the bridge every day. A trade expert said the bridge will help China. Tourists can drive across the bridge, but local car owners need a permit. Most drivers will take a shuttle bus. This will cost \$8-\$10.

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>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The world's longest | a. to build |
| 2. It is 55 kilometres | b. time |
| 3. took 10 years | c. tunnel |
| 4. islands in the river support | d. long |
| 5. There is also a 6.7-kilometre | e. two-and-a-half hours |
| 6. for ships to sail | f. the bridge |
| 7. The travel | g. sea bridge |
| 8. cut by | h. over |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the opening | a. bus |
| 2. Up to | b. every day |
| 3. cross the bridge | c. across the bridge |
| 4. A trade | d. \$8-\$10 |
| 5. Tourists can drive | e. 29,000 cars |
| 6. local car owners | f. expert |
| 7. Most drivers will take a shuttle | g. need a permit |
| 8. This will cost | h. ceremony |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-bridge-0.html>

(1) _____ sea bridge has opened. It links Hong Kong and mainland China. (2) _____ kilometres (3) _____ 10 years to build. Special islands in the (4) _____ bridge. There is also a 6.7-kilometre (5) _____ to sail over. The travel time between mainland China and Macau will (6) _____ two-and-a-half hours.

China's president (7) _____ opening ceremony. The bridge (8) _____ million people. Up to 29,000 (9) _____ the bridge every day. A trade expert said the (10) _____ China. Tourists can drive across the bridge, (11) _____ owners need a permit. Most drivers (12) _____ shuttle bus. This will cost \$8-\$10.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BRIDGES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181024-sea-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) _____

