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Level 2

Woman marries a bridge

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130707-marriage-2.html>

Countries around the world are discussing same-sex marriage but not the rights and wrongs of marrying a bridge. An Australian woman has done that. Artist Jodi Rose fell in love with the 600-year-old Devil's Bridge in France and married it last month. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 guests attended the wedding to see the couple become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor of the nearby town blessed the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for her wedding. She gave the bridge a very large ring.

Jodi Rose travels the world visiting bridges to record their sounds and vibrations. She uses these for her experimental "Singing Bridges" project. She said it was love at first sight for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at peace...He makes me feel connected to the earth." The bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling. Ms Rose said her marriage was symbolic because she values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She said her new partner is: "The perfect husband... strong and silent".

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>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. the rights and wrongs | a. for her wedding |
| 2. Rose fell in love with the 600- | b. people and bridges |
| 3. marriages between | c. blessed the marriage |
| 4. 14 guests | d. and wife |
| 5. man | e. a very large ring |
| 6. The mayor of the nearby town | f. of marrying a bridge |
| 7. Jodi wore a white wedding dress | g. year-old Devil's Bridge |
| 8. She gave the bridge | h. attended the wedding |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. record their sounds | a. I feel at peace |
| 2. She uses these for her experimental | b. vibration in everything |
| 3. She said it was love | c. "Singing Bridges" project |
| 4. Although he is made of stone... | d. after travelling |
| 5. He makes me feel connected | e. strong and silent |
| 6. The bridge makes her feel comfortable | f. at first sight |
| 7. she values the spiritual | g. to the earth |
| 8. The perfect husband... | h. and vibrations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Countries around the world are (1) _____ but not the rights (2) _____ a bridge. An Australian woman has done that. Artist Jodi Rose fell in love with the 600-year-old Devil's Bridge in France (3) _____. However, France does not recognise marriages between people and bridges. Nevertheless, 14 (4) _____ wedding to see the couple become not man and wife, but bridge and wife. The mayor (5) _____ the marriage. Jodi wore a white wedding dress for her wedding. She (6) _____ ring.

Jodi Rose (7) _____ bridges to record their sounds and vibrations. She uses these (8) _____ "Singing Bridges" project. She said it (9) _____ for the Devil's Bridge. She posted on her blog: "Although he is made of stone...I feel at peace...He makes (10) _____ the earth." The bridge makes her feel comfortable after travelling. Ms Rose said her marriage (11) _____ values "the spiritual vibration in everything". She said her new partner is: "The perfect (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
