

# London Bridge

WORKSHEET A

1. Complete the text with the words and numbers from the box.

16,000	Long Beach, California	2.5	World War II	1971
Tudor-style	140	River Thames	Robert McCulloch	
London double-decker bus	1,000	London		

London Bridge is falling down...

The British government were certainly singing this song in the mid-1960s, when they decided to put the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ -year-old bridge up for sale. American businessman and founder of Lake Havasu City (2) \_\_\_\_\_ offered (3) \$\_\_\_\_\_ million, and his offer was accepted.

In 1968, the bridge was carefully taken apart and each stone was given a code. The whole bridge was then shipped (4) \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. From there it was taken by truck to Lake Havasu City, a small recreational resort on the banks of Lake Havasu in Arizona. It took three years and a further \$7 million before work was completed, on October 10, (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Until the arrival of the bridge, Lake Havasu City's main claim was that it had been an army rest camp during (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Nowadays, with over (8) \_\_\_\_\_ businesses, two newspapers and a college, it's a desert playground with a difference. Of the 2 million tourists who visit Lake Havasu City every year, many are surprised to learn that the bridge originally crossed the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ before taking up its new residence in Arizona. An English village has grown up around the bridge and there are many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ houses giving the place a very traditional British feel; you can even buy ice cream from a shop in a red (12) \_\_\_\_\_. You are reminded that you are not in England, though, by the constant sunshine warming the stones of the old bridge, which provides visitors with a splendid backdrop to this most particular city.

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WORKSHEET B

## 2. Check your answers against the complete text.

London Bridge is falling down...

The British government were certainly singing this song in the mid-1960s, when they decided to put the **140**-year-old bridge up for sale. American businessman (and founder of Lake Havasu City) **Robert McCulloch** offered **\$2.5** million, and his offer was accepted.

In 1968, the bridge was carefully taken apart and each stone was given a code. The whole bridge was then shipped **16,000** kilometres to **Long Beach, California**. From there it was taken by truck to Lake Havasu City, a small recreational resort on the banks of Lake Havasu in Arizona. It took three years and a further \$7 million and work was completed on October 10, **1971**.

Until the arrival of the bridge, Lake Havasu's main claim was that it had been an army rest camp during **World War II**. Nowadays, with over **1,000** businesses, two newspapers and a college, it's a desert playground with a difference. Of the 2 million tourists who visit Lake Havasu City every year, many are surprised to learn that the bridge originally crossed the **River Thames** in **London** before taking up its new residence in Arizona. An English village has grown up around the bridge and there are many **Tudor-style** houses giving the place a very traditional British feel; you can even buy ice cream from a shop in a red **London double-decker bus**. You are reminded that you are not in England, though, by the constant sunshine warming the bricks of the old bridge, which provides visitors with a splendid backdrop to this most particular city.