

e-lesson

Week starting: 11th April 2005

1. London Bridge

On April 18th, 1968, Robert McCulloch bought London Bridge. He dismantled it, shipped it back to the United States and rebuilt it in the middle of the Arizona desert. Lake Havasu City is now a thriving tourist resort and boasts a genuine antique as its centrepiece.

Level

Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students whether they are familiar with the nursery rhyme *London Bridge is falling down*. The origins of the song may go back to as early as the fourteenth century (see websites below). There have been several London Bridges. The one which was built in 1831 started to sink into the mud of the River Thames and so was offered for sale. Tell your students they are going to read the strange but true story of how London Bridge ended up on another continent.

2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and ask students to work together to complete the story by putting the words and numbers from the box into the appropriate space.

3. Stop your students after five or six minutes. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B so that they can check their guesses.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Bridge_is_falling_down

the nursery rhyme explained and links to the history of London Bridge

<http://www.rhymes.org.uk/london-bridge-is-falling-down.htm>

some more of the same here

<http://www.desertusa.com/mag98/aug/stories/lkhav.html>

<http://www.outwestnewspaper.com/london.html>

<http://www.roadtripamerica.com/places/havasus.htm>

<http://www.prairieghosts.com/londonbrdg.html>

These four sites will help you take a closer look at Lake Havasu