

bridge

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1. [brɪdʒ] *n*
 - 1) мост; мостик
 bridge span - пролёт моста
 bridge member - звено моста
 bridge site - место наводки /постройки/ моста
 to throw a bridge - навести мост
 - 2) перемычка, перегородка
 2. *мор.* капитанский мостик
 3. переносица (*тж.* bridge of the nose)
 4. подставка, кобылка (*скрипки, гитары и т. п.*)
 5. мост (*зубной протез*)
 6. *тех.* порог топки
 7. *эл.*
 - 1) перемычка
 - 2) параллельное соединение, шунт
 ◇ to burn one's bridges *см.* burn 1 II ◇
 to throw smb. over the bridge - предательски поступать по отношению к кому-л., подставить кому-л. ножку, подвести кого-л., «утопить»
 don't cross the bridges before you come to them - *посл.* ≅ не следует создавать себе трудностей заранее
 let every man praise /speak well of/ the bridge he goes over - *посл.* ≅ не плюй в колодец, пригодится воды напиться
2. [brɪdʒ] *v*
 1. 1) наводить, строить мост
 to bridge a river - построить мост через реку
 - 2) соединять мостом
 2. перекрывать
 3. преодолевать препятствия
 4. *горн.* затягивать кровлю
 5. *эл.* шунтировать
 to bridge a gap - ликвидировать разрыв /отставание/

II

[brɪdʒ] *n карт.*
 бридж

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bridge [brɪdʒ brɪdʒes brɪdʒd brɪdʒɪŋ] *noun, verb BrE [brɪdʒ] ^{us} NAmE*

[brɪdʒ] ^{us}

noun

bridges



OVER ROAD/RIVER

1. countable a structure that is built over a road, railway/railroad, river, etc. so that people or vehicles can cross from one side to the other

- We crossed the bridge over the river Windrush.



see also ↑suspension bridge, ↑swing bridge

CONNECTION

2. countable a thing that provides a connection or contact between two different things

- The book serves as a bridge between ancient wisdom and modern science.
- Cultural exchanges are a way of **building bridges** between countries.

OF SHIP

3. **countable, usually singular** (*usually the bridge*) the part of a ship where the captain and other officers stand when they are controlling and steering the ship

- Who was on the bridge when the collision took place?

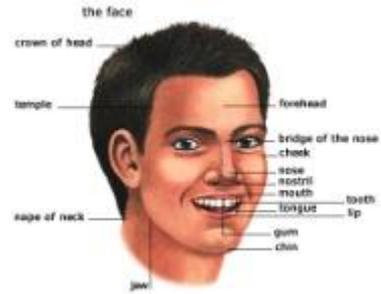
CARD GAME

4. **uncountable** a card game for two pairs of players who have to predict how many cards they will win. They score points if they succeed in winning that number of cards and lose points if they fail.

see also ↑contract bridge

OF NOSE

5. **the ~ of sb's nose** **singular** the hard part at the top of the nose, between the eyes



OF GLASSES

6. **countable** the part of a pair of glasses that rests on your nose

OF GUITAR/VIOLIN

7. **countable** a small piece of wood on a ↑guitar, ↑violin, etc. over which the strings are stretched

FALSE TEETH

8. **countable** a false tooth or false teeth, held permanently in place by being fastened to natural teeth on either side

see burn your bridges at ↑burn v., cross that bridge when you come to it at ↑cross v., it's (all) water under the bridge at ↑water n.

Word Origin:

n. senses 1 to 3 and n. senses 5 to 8 v. Old English brycg Germanic Dutch brug German Brücke
 n. sense 4 late 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- Cross the bridge and turn right into the town.
- Floods washed away several bridges.
- I enjoy a game of bridge occasionally.
- It was windy driving over the bridge.
- The new bridge will cross the Thames at this point.
- The road goes under the old bridge.
- The soldiers built a pontoon bridge across the Euphrates.
- a bridge over the river
- driving over a humpback bridge

Idiom: ↑bridge the gap

verb

BUILD/FORM BRIDGE

~ **sth** to build or form a bridge over sth

- The valley was originally bridged by the Romans.
- A plank of wood bridged the stream.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bridge
	BrE /brɪdʒ/
	NAme /brɪdʒ/
he / she / it	bridges
	BrE /brɪdʒɪz/
	NAme /brɪdʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	bridged
	BrE /brɪdʒd/
	NAme /brɪdʒd/
-ing form	bridging
	BrE /brɪdʒɪŋ/
	NAme /brɪdʒɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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I. **bridge**¹ **S2 W2** /brɪdʒ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Sense 1-3, 5-8: **Language:** Old English; **Origin:** brycg]

[Sense 4: **Date:** 1800-1900; **Origin:** biritch 'bridge' (1800-1900), perhaps from an unrecorded Turkish bir-üç 'one-three']



1. **OVER A RIVER/ROAD ETC** [countable] a structure built over a river, road etc that allows people or vehicles to cross from one side to the other ⇒ ↑suspension bridge, ↑swing bridge

2. **CONNECTION** [countable] something that provides a connection between two things **SYN** link

bridge between/to

ˈ The training programme is seen as a bridge between school and work.

ˈ a scheme to build bridges (=make a better relationship) between the police and the community

3. **SHIP** [countable usually singular] the raised part of a ship from which the officers control it

4. **CARD GAME** [uncountable] a card game for four players, who play in pairs

5. **the bridge of your nose** the upper part of your nose between your eyes

6. **PAIR OF GLASSES** [countable usually singular] the part of a pair of glasses that rests on your nose

7. **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT** [countable usually singular] a small piece of wood under the strings of a ↑violin or ↑guitar, used to keep them in position

8. **FOR TEETH** [countable] a small piece of metal that keeps false teeth in place by attaching them to your real teeth

⇒ **burn your bridges** at ↑burn¹(18), ⇒ **cross that bridge when you come to it** at ↑cross¹(10), ⇒ **be (all) water under the bridge** at ↑water¹(6)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **build a bridge** (also **erect a bridge formal**) Finally a new bridge was erected over the road.

▪ **cross a bridge** An estimated 150,000 cars cross the bridge each day.

▪ **a bridge crosses something** A pretty stone bridge crosses the little river.

▪ **a bridge spans something** (=crosses a wide area) By 1875 a railroad bridge spanned the Missouri.

▪ **a bridge links something to/with something** There's a road bridge linking the site with Stockton town centre.

■ types of bridge

▪ **a stone/wooden/iron bridge** The iron bridge was built in 1811.

▪ **a railway bridge** *British English*, **a railroad bridge** *American English* (=for trains) Go under the railway bridge and turn right.

▪ **a road bridge** (=for cars) The government plans to construct a new road bridge to the island.

▪ **a suspension bridge** (=one that hangs from strong steel ropes) A famous suspension bridge spans the estuary.

▪ **a swing bridge** *British English* (=one that can be pulled up for ships to go under)

▪ **a toll bridge** (=one that you pay to go across)

▪ **a humpback bridge** *British English* (=a short bridge with a steep slope at each side)

II. **bridge**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

1. to reduce or get rid of the difference between two things:

ˈ The differences between our two cultures can be bridged if we continue to communicate.

ˈ Alvin managed to bridge the gap between ballet and modern dance.

2. **written** to build or form a bridge over something:

ˈ a fallen tree bridging the stream

bridge

12500 **1760**^{MCW}

15000 **1609**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** BRIDGE ²⁶⁵⁶⁵

bridge ²⁰³⁰⁶

bridges ⁵²⁷⁰

bridging ⁶⁷¹

bridged ³¹⁸

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

8525 **2310**¹⁸⁵³² *nn1*

1044 **19508**¹¹³⁴ *vvi*
233 **35216**⁴²¹ *np1*
170 **50983**²¹⁵ *vv0*
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