Reading: Bridges

1 Match the adjectives on the left with nouns. Some adjectives can go with more than one noun.

- long
- high
- sunny
- busy
- wobbly
- narrow

mountain  
tooth  
road  
bridge  
day  
river

2 The reading has 6 paragraphs. Here is a short description of each one. What is a good order?

- Building the new bridge
- Closing and opening the bridge
- Walking across the new bridge
- Why the writer likes bridges
- A problem with the new bridge
- A new bridge in London

3 Now read the text — are your paragraphs in the same order? Which adjectives went with which nouns?

4 These numbers are missing from the text. Read the text again and put them in the gaps.

- 4m  
- 11m  
- 20  
- 34  
- 214  
- 200  
- 320m

5 Are these sentences true or false?

- a The writer is a little afraid of bridges.
- b The new bridge is for people, cars and trains.
- c The bridge is near St Paul’s Cathedral.
- d Not many people crossed the bridge on the first day.
- e Only the writer was afraid on the bridge when it moved.
- f The bridge is called the Millennium Bridge.

6 Is there a new building in your town? Do you like it? Why / why not?