

Moving Bridges



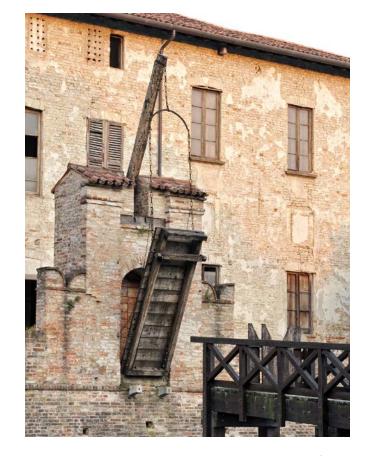
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Focus Question

How and why do bridges move?

Drawbridges were the first moving bridges. They were built to help defend castles. The bridges could be raised to keep attackers away.





Today, bridges over rivers move to let ships pass by safely.
There are many different types of bridges that move.

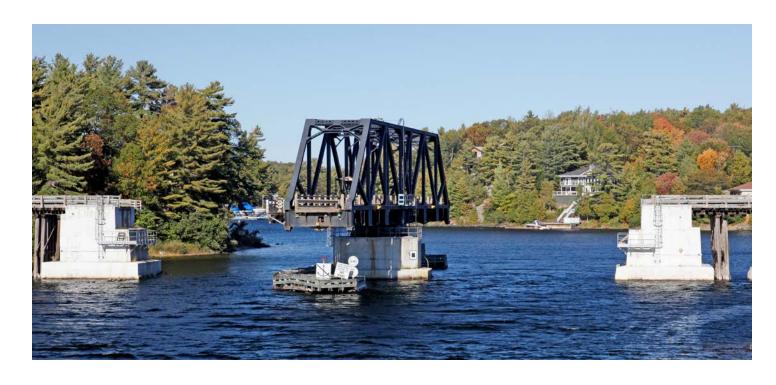




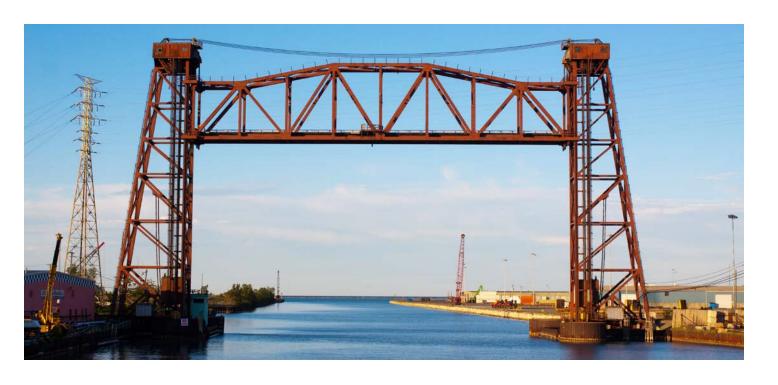
Some bridges tilt up to open on one side. Some bridges have two pieces tilt up to open in the middle.



Some bridges fold up like an accordion.



Some bridges have a middle part that turns to make space on either side.



Some bridges have a middle part that lifts straight up into the air.





Some bridges have a middle part that lowers under the water.



Some bridges curl up to move out of the way.



Some bridges tilt to the side to make room underneath them.



All the bridges let big ships pass by safely.

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Writing and Art

Which type of moving bridge is your favorite and why? Draw a picture and write about it.

Science and Art

Design your own moving bridge by drawing a picture of it and explaining how it moves to let ships pass safely. Share your bridge with a partner.

