

Discover World Landmarks · Conversation & classroom guide

Learning with a grown-up · Ages 4–8 · Flexible participation

Can you find a tower, a bridge and a waterway?

Learning aim: Identify three destination features and compare their shapes and uses.

A five-minute conversation

Open this illustrated travel album with Olivia. These are three separate places from her book destinations, and you can explore them from home.

Start here: Offer a tower-versus-bridge choice and read place names aloud.

Explore further: Discuss bridge function and distinguish a strait from a river or canal.

Can you find a tower, a bridge and a waterway?

Answer cue: The Eiffel Tower is in Paris, the Golden Gate Bridge is at San Francisco, and the canals are in Venice.

What does the bridge cross? What could move along the canals?

Answer cue: The Golden Gate Bridge crosses a sea strait. Boats can travel along Venice's canals.

What is alike or different about these places?

Answer cue: Accept pictured evidence: tall tower versus long bridge, iron structure versus buildings beside water, or different ways of moving around. There is no single required comparison.

Keep the idea clear

The three views are separate cities, not neighboring parts of one landscape or a complete picture of world cultures. These examples are from France, the United States and Italy. Families do not need to travel to learn about them.

Try: Design a pretend landmark

Materials: Paper and a pencil, or an oral description.

1. Choose a purpose: a tower for looking out, a bridge for crossing, or a waterway for boats.
2. Draw or describe your invented place.
3. Explain how someone could use it. Call it pretend, and keep it separate from the real landmark names.

What this can show: Can the child pair one feature with its city and support a comparison with visible evidence? This is a drawing or storytelling activity, not an instruction to build or climb a structure.

Return to it: Invite a partner to follow your map. Can they recognize your landmark from your description?

Discover World Landmarks · In the classroom

A 20-minute classroom lesson

Prepare: Read the picture and answer cues. Have the optional explorer's notebook available. Paper and a pencil, or an oral description.

Words to explore

landmark — A noticeable feature that helps people recognize a place.

tower — A tall, narrow structure.

bridge — A structure that lets a route cross an obstacle such as water.

canal — A waterway made or changed by people.

strait — A narrow stretch of water joining larger bodies of water.

3 min · Notice: Locate: name the city and country below each destination view.

4 min · Compare: Compare: children find one difference and one similarity.

8 min · Try together: Choose a purpose: a tower for looking out, a bridge for crossing, or a waterway for boats. Draw or describe your invented place. Explain how someone could use it. Call it pretend, and keep it separate from the real landmark names.

5 min · Explain: Connect: recall how a bridge can appear as a symbol on a map.

Understanding check: Can the child pair one feature with its city and support a comparison with visible evidence?

Answer guidance: The Eiffel Tower is in Paris, the Golden Gate Bridge is at San Francisco, and the canals are in Venice. The Golden Gate Bridge crosses a sea strait. Boats can travel along Venice's canals. Accept pictured evidence: tall tower versus long bridge, iron structure versus buildings beside water, or different ways of moving around. There is no single required comparison.

Read destination labels, describe the structure, and accept a spoken or pointed comparison without relying on travel experience.

A response to keep

Add a pretend landmark to page 7. Use page 8 to tell your route, your way across the water and what the visitor will see on arrival.

One clue I can explain now...

Something else I wonder...

<https://kiddos.ai/learn/olivia-the-globetrotter/world-landmarks>

Related story: Olivia and Doudou in Venice — Continue with the existing books Olivia and Doudou in Paris, Olivia and Doudou in San Francisco, and Olivia and Doudou in Venice. The last book's title uses 'Venise'; English geography labels use 'Venice'. The canal picture is an editorial example of that destination, not a claim about a specific unnamed bridge in the story.

Our discovery record

Use words, marks, a drawing or an adult's notes. Keep this page with you; nothing needs to be uploaded.

Date / time (if useful): _____

My question or idea

What I noticed

What I think now

What I want to explore next

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