

# London Bridge moves to America

Have you ever been to London? (Yes, I went there... years ago.)

## Vocabulary

1. councilor      2. suggested      3. landmark      4. sinking      5. shipped      6. labeled

## True Story

In the 1960s, London Bridge was \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be replaced. Instead of throwing it away, a \_\_\_\_\_ named Ivan Luckin \_\_\_\_\_ selling it to the United States. In 1968, businessman Robert McCulloch bought the bridge for \$2.46 million and moved it to Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

McCulloch and his team \_\_\_\_\_ each stone, took the bridge apart, and \_\_\_\_\_ it to the U.S. They rebuilt it with modern materials and finished in 1971. The bridge became a tourist attraction, helping the small town grow to over 10,000 people by 1974.

McCulloch's idea seemed crazy, but it worked. Today, Lake Havasu City has over 50,000 residents, and London Bridge is still a famous \_\_\_\_\_. "It's all quite mad—it could only happen in America," said a British reporter.

## Quiz

1. Who suggested selling London Bridge to the United States?
2. How much did Robert McCulloch pay for London Bridge?
3. When was the bridge finished in Lake Havasu City?
4. How many people lived in Lake Havasu City by 1974?

## True or False

1. London Bridge needed to be replaced so Ivan Luckin suggested throwing it away.      True | False
2. The bridge was rebuilt with modern materials.      True | False
3. A British reporter said McCulloch's idea could only happen in Armenia.      True | False

## Conversation

A: Do you really think someone will buy our old bridge, Ivan?

B: Absolutely! Americans love unique things!

A: Hmm, I suppose it can't hurt to try.

B: Exactly! We've got nothing to lose.

A: Wow, Robert actually bought it!

B: See? I told you it would work!

## Discussion

1. Have you ever visited a famous bridge?
2. Why do you think Robert McCulloch bought London Bridge?
3. If you were rich, what famous landmark would you buy and bring to your hometown?