**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Water Under the Bridge**

**Voor de docent**

Rotterdam is in het wereldnieuws. Een historisch monument moet tijdelijk wijken voor het grote geld.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Rotterdam is the talk of the town.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a A vehicle is a machine that is used to carry people or goods from one place to another.   
Name 5 or more vehicles.

**Water Under the Bridge**

People all over the world are talking about the city of Rotterdam.

Find out why at [News for Kids](https://newsforkids.net/articles/2022/02/05/historic-bridge-too-low-for-massive-sailboat/).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. bridge | 1. after something else has happened first |
| 1. massive | 1. at a still unknown time in the future |
| 1. sailboat | 1. broken, partly destroyed, wrecked |
| 1. to own | 1. to build again |
| 1. company | 1. a business organization that makes, buys, or sells goods |
| 1. damaged | 1. to have something that is yours, as your possession |
| 1. to complain | 1. a large boat that is used for racing or pleasure |
| 1. to take apart | 1. the people who live in a specific place |
| 1. richest | 1. a person who is the head of the government of a city or town |
| 1. yacht | 1. to remove or separate the parts of something |
| 1. to rebuild | 1. to say that you do not agree with something or are unhappy about something |
| 1. afterward | 1. a structure built over something (such as a river) so that people etc. can get across |
| 1. sometime | 1. a vehicle with a sail that is used for travelling on water |
| 1. mayor | 1. very large and heavy |
| 1. local people | 1. with the most money in the world |

Assignment 3

a Why is the city of Rotterdam in the international news?

1 Jeff Bezos has damaged a historic bridge near Rotterdam.

2 The city of Rotterdam has decided to take down a historic bridge.

3 The company Amazon is planning to open a distribution centre in Rotterdam.

4 There are plans to take apart a historic bridge to make way for a large ship.

b What is Oceanco?

1 The name of a historic bridge in the city of Rotterdam.

2 The name of the world’s largest sailboat.

3 The name of a company that is owned by Jeff Bezos.

4 The name of a company that builds boats.

c What is the Black Pearl?

1 A big boat that was built by Oceanco.

2 A black stone left behind by a meteorite.

3 An old bridge that was damaged during World War II.

4 The big yacht that is built for Jeff Bezos.