

Bridge Sentence Practice Worksheet

30 Questions to Master the Bridge Sentence Method

Instructions: (1) Read sentence, (2) Write bridge phrase(s), (3) Predict word(s), (4) Verify with the key.

Questions 1-15: Single-Blank Text Completion

Q1. Although the speaker sounded confident, her argument was _____, relying more on emotion than evidence.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q2. The scholar was known for her _____ prose: every sentence was clear, purposeful, and precise.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q3. Far from being _____, the policy was carefully designed to protect the most vulnerable citizens.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q4. Because the witness's recollection was _____, the jury treated her testimony with caution.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q5. The editor removed several _____ remarks that would have distracted readers from the main point.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q6. The CEO's apology sounded _____; it seemed crafted to avoid blame rather than accept it.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q7. The research team adopted a _____ approach, testing one variable at a time to isolate causes.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q8. Despite its reputation, the restaurant's food was surprisingly _____, lacking seasoning and flair.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q9. The critic praised the film's _____ humor, which was subtle rather than loud or obvious.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q10. The report's conclusions were _____ by the data, which consistently pointed to the same trend.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q11. Even opponents admitted the scientist's work was _____: it changed how the field understood the problem.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q12. The committee's decision was not _____; it followed months of debate and review.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q13. The novelist's characters are never one-dimensional; instead, they are _____ and internally conflicted.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q14. The intern was _____ about mistakes, reporting issues quickly so they could be fixed.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Q15. Because the schedule was _____, any small delay caused the entire project to slip.

Bridge: _____ Answer: _____

Questions 16-25: Double-Blank Text Completion

- Q16.** The historian's account is both ____ and ____ : it is engaging to read, yet carefully documented.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q17.** Although the proposal initially seemed ____, closer inspection revealed it to be ____ and impractical.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q18.** The manager's feedback was ____ rather than ____ ; it focused on improvement, not personal attacks.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q19.** The article's tone is ____, but its argument remains ____ and well organized.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q20.** The experiment produced ____ results: they were ____ across trials and easy to replicate.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q21.** The comedian's jokes were ____ ; the audience laughed, but many left feeling ____ .
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q22.** Her explanation was ____ and ____ : she skipped key steps and used vague terms.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q23.** The company's response was ____, not ____ : it admitted errors and outlined fixes.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q24.** The novel is ____ in scope, yet ____ in its focus on a single family.
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____
- Q25.** Because the evidence was ____, the judge found the claim ____ .
B1: _____ B2: _____ Answers: _____ / _____

Questions 26-30: Triple-Blank Text Completion

- Q26.** The lecturer was ____ but not ____ ; his delivery was lively, even if the material was ____ .
B1: _____ B2: _____ B3: _____ Answers: _____ / _____ / _____
- Q27.** Her remarks were ____ and ____, yet ultimately ____ : they impressed at first, but proved shallow.
B1: _____ B2: _____ B3: _____ Answers: _____ / _____ / _____
- Q28.** The policy aims to be ____ rather than ____, and it remains ____ in many details.
B1: _____ B2: _____ B3: _____ Answers: _____ / _____ / _____
- Q29.** The critic's review was ____, ____, and ____ : it offered sharp observations, but little praise.
B1: _____ B2: _____ B3: _____ Answers: _____ / _____ / _____
- Q30.** Because the report was ____, the team treated its recommendations as ____ and therefore ____ .
B1: _____ B2: _____ B3: _____ Answers: _____ / _____ / _____

Answer Key + Example Bridge Phrases (condensed)

1. tenuous (weak; not well-supported)	11. pioneering (groundbreaking)	21. biting/uneasy (sharp humor -> uncomfortable)
2. lucid (clear and precise)	12. precipitous (not rushed)	22. sketchy/imprecise (missing details + vague)
3. deliberate (carefully planned)	13. nuanced (complex; layered)	23. forthright/deflective (open not dodging)
4. spotty (incomplete; unreliable)	14. forthcoming (open; honest)	24. expansive/intimate (big world + close focus)
5. tangential (off-topic)	15. rigid (no room for delay)	25. scant/untenable (little evidence -> cannot stand)
6. evasive (dodging responsibility)	16. lively/rigorous (readable + well-supported)	26. animated/monotonous/esoteric (lively; not monotone; content complex)
7. systematic (step-by-step method)	17. promising/utopian (seems good -> unrealistic)	27. polished/superficial/empty (sounds good; lacks depth; empty)
8. insipid (bland; no flavor)	18. constructive/malicious (helpful not nasty)	28. adaptable/punitive/undefined (adaptable not harsh; unclear details)
9. wry (subtle; dry)	19. acerbic/coherent (sharp tone + clear logic)	29. acerbic/incisive/scathing (sharp + clear + harsh)
10. buttressed (supported by evidence)	20. consistent/stable (same each time)	30. unverified/tentative/advisory (not verified -> tentative -> just guidance)