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PM writing

Response & Discussion

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Level 29 Sapphire

Key Learning Area **Social Science/Technology**

Theme **Constructions**

Title **The Oresund Bridge**

Text Type *Response*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Review**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To give an opinion about a written or visual work, object or event**

Text Structure

Context: States the context of the work, object or event and previews the writer's opinion (optional) *(Page 2).*

Description: Describes features of the work, object or event *(Pages 4–8).*

Judgement: Gives a personal opinion based on the description *(Page 9).*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. Denmark, passengers)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. you, they, it)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. amazing, spectacular, artificial)*
- Sensing verbs *(e.g. thought, hoped, know)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. once, easily)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. into a four-kilometre long tunnel)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. It took four years)*

Title **Preserving Historical Buildings**

Text Type *Discussion*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Essay**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To examine more than one side of an issue**

Text Structure

Opening Statement: Outlines the issue *(Page 10–11).*

Arguments 'For' and 'Against': Includes evidence in support of and against the issue *(Pages 12–15).*

Concluding Statement: Summary of the writer's opinion *(Page 16).*

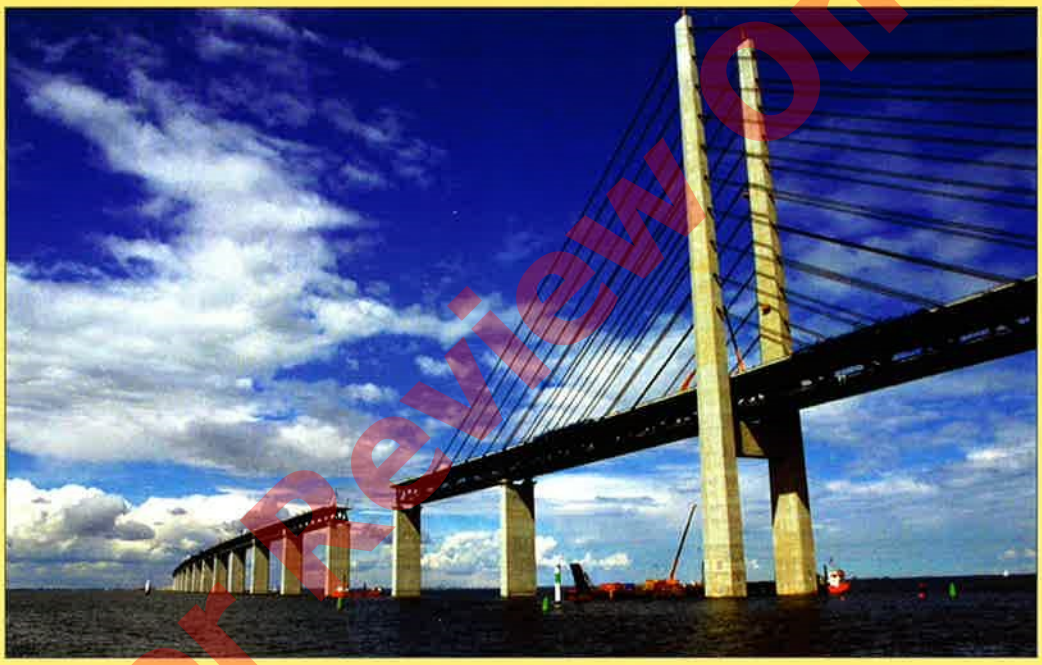
Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. office blocks, designs, buildings)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. they, them)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. historical, high-rise)*
- Sensing verbs *(e.g. believe, think)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. firmly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. over hundreds of years)*
- Conjunctions/Text connectives *(e.g. However)*

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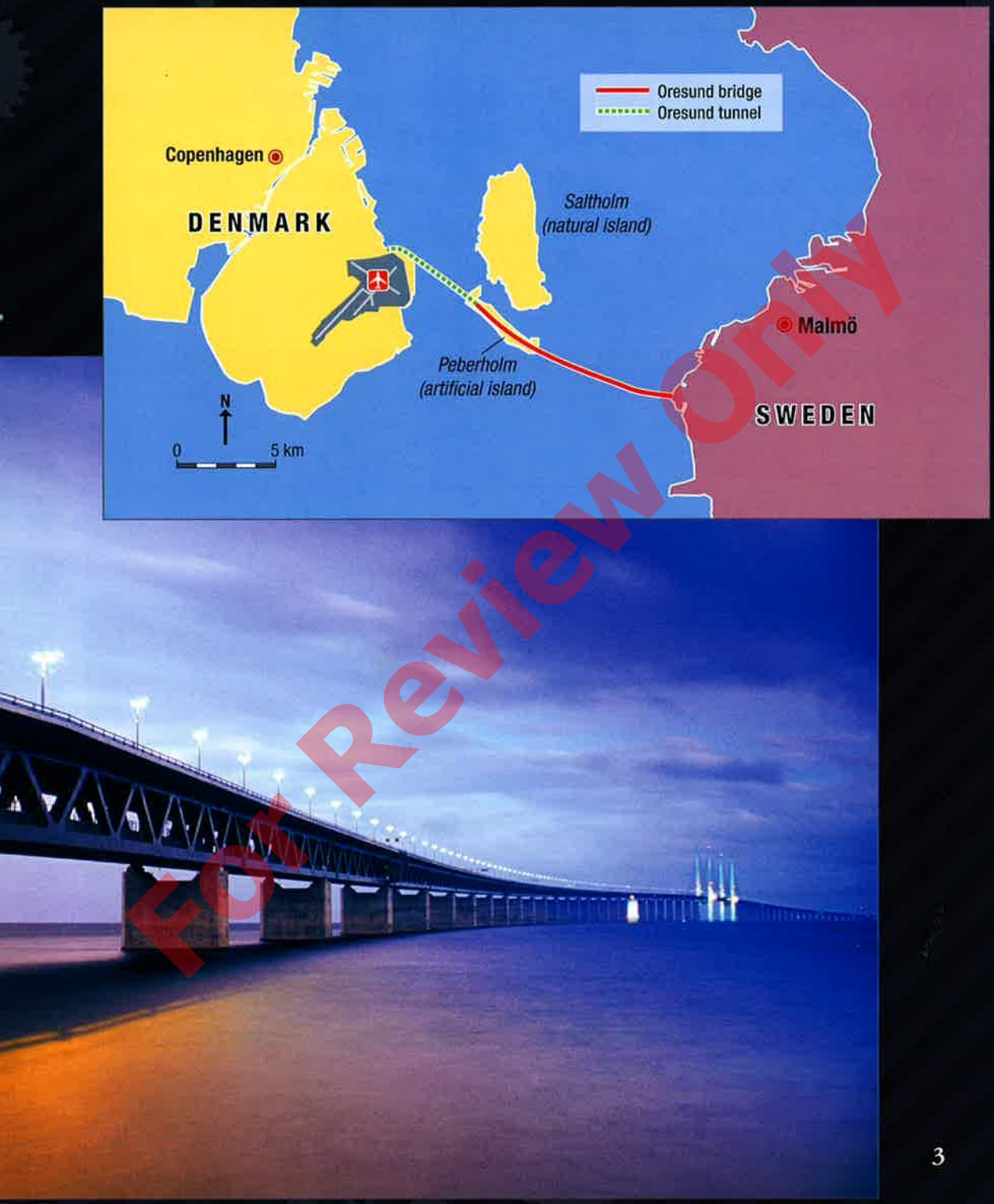
The Oresund Bridge

The first time you see the Oresund Bridge, you will agree it is a spectacular sight.

The combined bridge and tunnel sections stretch an incredible 16.4 kilometres. They link the countries of Denmark and Sweden. These countries are members of the European Union, therefore, people do not need to show their passports when travelling between the two places. People travelling into Sweden from Denmark need to clear customs, however, those entering Denmark do not.

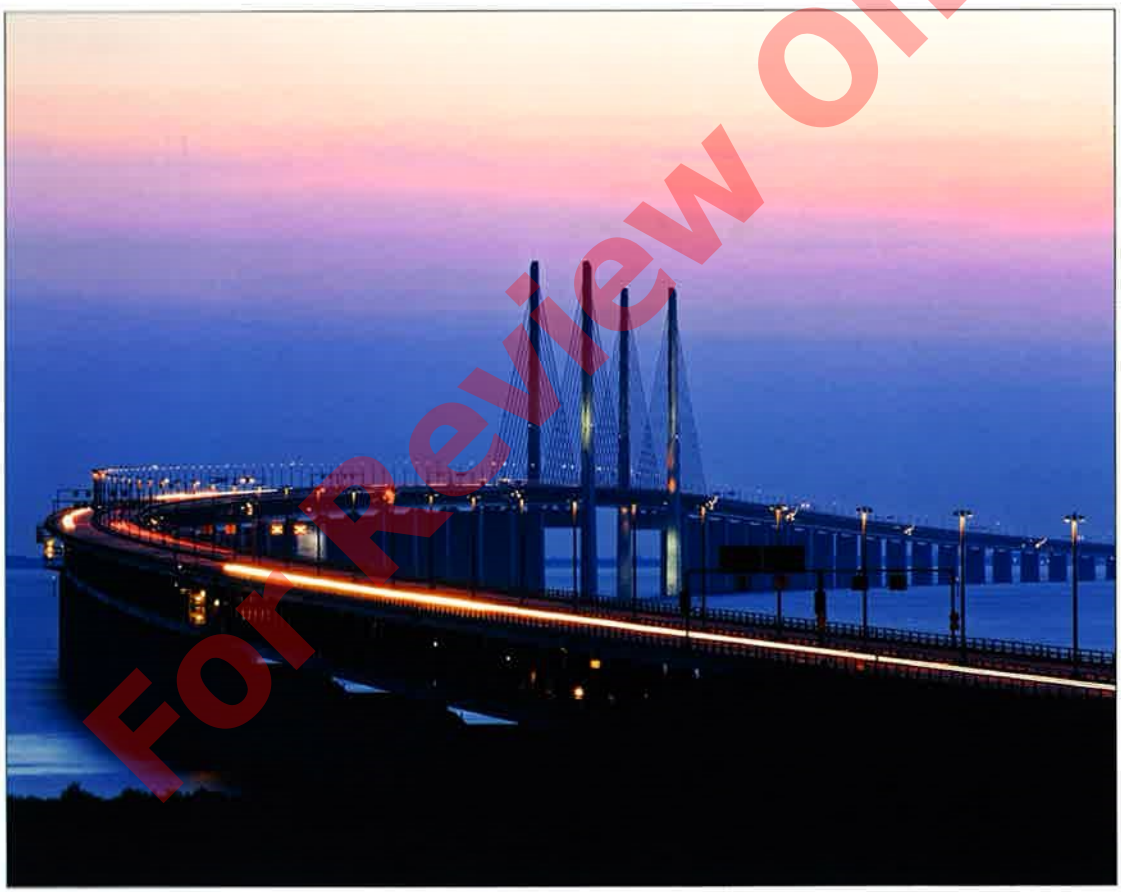


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Who would ever have thought that one day this large area of sea would cater for road and rail passengers? Yet the bridge and tunnel provide two rail tracks and a four-lane road bridge. Cars and trains can easily carry people from one country to another.



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Instead of a 45-minute ferry ride, it takes only ten minutes to travel between the two countries. The bridge makes life much easier for people who live in one country and work in the other. Now they do not have to waste time travelling.



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The bridge itself is the longest combined road and rail bridge in Europe. The main span is an amazing 1624 metres in length. It ends on an artificial island, then takes travellers into a four-kilometre long tunnel. This is the world's longest underwater tunnel.



It took four years to build the bridge. Its design looks plain, but the structure is quite complex. The two countries had hoped to build a bridge stretching across the water all the way from Denmark to Sweden. However, this span was too great. Adding a second bridge was not possible, because it would have been too close to the flight path of planes using Copenhagen Airport. So, the decision was made to combine a bridge with a tunnel.

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