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## Great Wall Connections

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Identify **four unfamiliar or challenging vocabulary words** in the text. For each word, create an **association bridge** that connects it to a familiar word, phrase, or image.

(Example: “*Photosynthesis reminds me of ‘photo,’ which means light, so I think of plants making food with light.*”) Write your bridges clearly to show how the connection helps you remember the meaning.

### The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China is one of the most **remarkable** human-made structures in history. Built over centuries, it was designed to protect Chinese kingdoms from invading armies. Soldiers guarded the wall, while messengers used **beacon towers** to send smoke signals during attacks. Some parts of the wall were built with stone, while others were made with **rammed earth**, a material created by pressing soil tightly together. The wall also served as a **symbolic** barrier, showing the strength and unity of the empire. Today, the Great Wall is a popular tourist destination and a **monument** that reflects both ancient engineering and cultural pride.

#### Activity: Association Bridges

1. Select **four vocabulary words** from the passage that you find new or difficult.
2. Write the word.
3. Create an **association bridge** linking it to something familiar.
4. Explain how that bridge helps you remember the word's meaning.