

Fixing a wobble

The London Millennium Bridge (1) _____ not only for its engineering, but for its beauty as well—it (2) _____ to resemble a 'blade of light'. However, the completion of the 320-metre-long bridge was not without its difficulties. When the Millennium Bridge opened to the public in June 2000, more than 160,000 pedestrians crossed during the opening weekend. Unfortunately, no one (3) _____ what the effect of that much traffic would be. The bridge began to wobble, which means that it moved alarmingly from side to side. As a result, it was closed a few days later.



The problem wasn't the weight of such a large number of pedestrians (which could easily be supported (4) _____ the bridge's design), but their movements. When the bridge moved slightly in the wind, all of the walkers moved their feet at the same time to maintain their balance. This added energy to the natural movement of the bridge, making it sway even more.

Studies were carried out and the Millennium Bridge Trust (5) _____ money to make alterations to the bridge. After successful walking tests were carried out, the Millennium Bridge was finally safe for public use.

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| 1. A. has praised | B. praised | C. has been praised | D. has been praising |
| 2. A. was designed | B. was designing | C. designs | D. designed |
| 3. A. had predicted | B. was predicted | C. was predicting | D. is predicted |
| 4. A. from | B. by | C. for | D. with |
| 5. A. raised | B. raising | C. was raised | D. has been raised |