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To cross the varying landscape and get his railway from Bristol to London, Brunel had to design and build bridges, viaducts and tunnels. Chippenham viaduct was built in 1841 and carried the railway across a natural fall in the ground level. Known locally as the arches today Chippenham viaduct is an iconic feature of the town.

Can you help the train take the right track to reach Chippenham Viaduct?

A viaduct is a long bridge or series of bridges connected to one another by multiple arches. They connect two areas of ground which are similar in height and are often built over gorges, valleys and sometimes water.

Draw your own viaduct to cross the valley below.

Brunel used nine arches for Chippenham Viaduct, how many will you use?

