Have you ever wondered who makes buildings look beautiful and stand strong?

You might be surprised to hear that structural engineers work closely with architects to make amazing structures, from stunning staircases to soaring skyscrapers.

If you like maths, science, design or art, structural engineering could be the career for you.
5 reasons to become a structural engineer

David Knight is a young structural engineer. He’s helped to design remarkable projects including the Greenwich Reach Swing Bridge in London and the Philippine Arena in Manila. Here are David’s top five reasons for choosing a career in structural engineering…

Make the world safer
Structural engineers make sure our buildings and infrastructure are safe to use. You might study how to stop buildings falling down during earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Be a respected professional
You’ll meet lots of people in your job, and will need to work together to make projects succeed. Structural engineering is not an easy profession, but if you enjoy a challenge and work hard, your work will be respected, and you’ll be well paid.

Your ideas become reality
It’s a real buzz to see and touch something you imagined and designed, knowing your skills helped to make it happen. You could be involved in creating useful structures, beautiful structures, or even record-breaking structures.

Your work will last
As a structural engineer, you’ll design buildings to last for fifty years, and bridges for over a century. Your work will be used and appreciated by many thousands of people, even after you’ve gone.

Solve real world problems
You’ll use many skills, from basic maths, sketching and communication, to complex physics and cutting edge technology. Structural engineers are the problem solvers, designing solutions to the challenges that modern construction projects present.
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