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*The bridge is deteriorating.*

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| **deteriorate**   lwod-audio-pron-red/dɪˈtirijəˌreɪt/   ***verb***  |

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| lwod-clear |
| **1** [no object] **:** to become worse as time passes |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | The weather gradually deteriorated [=worsened] as the day went on. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Her health continues to deteriorate. [=decline] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | efforts to save a deteriorating rain forest |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The disagreement **deteriorated into** a fight. [=the disagreement got worse and eventually became a fight] |
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| **2** [+ object] **:** to make (something) worse |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | Exposure to rain and sun will gradually deteriorate the paint. |
| lwod-clear |
| — **deteriorated** adjective |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | a deteriorated [=run-down, dilapidated] building |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | a badly deteriorated part of the city |