

NHÓM CHỦ ĐIỂM 7: GOVERNMENTS
VOCABULARY SET 26: SUPPORTING ARTISTS

Vocabulary:

1. **aid** (n): sự trợ giúp
2. **compelling** (adj): thuyết phục
3. **cost - effective** (adj): hiệu quả kinh tế, hiệu quả chi phí
4. **deprived** (adj): thiếu thốn
5. **digital technology** (np): công nghệ kĩ thuật số
6. **financial assistance** (np): hỗ trợ tài chính
7. **financial resources** (np): nguồn lực tài chính
8. **governmental budget/ allowance/ spending** (np): ngân sách của chính phủ / trợ cấp của chính phủ / chi tiêu của chính phủ
9. **inadequate** (adj): không thỏa đáng
10. **money - wasting** (adj): lãng phí tiền bạc
11. **precursor** (n): tiền thân
12. **promote** (v): khuyến khích, thúc đẩy, ủng hộ
13. **recompense** (n): phần thưởng, đền bù, đai ngộ
14. **stimulate** (v): kích thích
15. **sustainable** (adj): bền vững
16. **take a (giant) leap (collocation)**: thực hiện bước nhảy vọt, tiến một bước dài
17. **treasure** (v): quý trọng, coi trọng
18. **willingly** (adv): sẵn lòng, vui lòng

Exercises:

Task 1: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Trong bản dự thảo mới về ngân sách chính phủ, ngành công nghiệp du lịch nhận được nhiều hỗ trợ tài chính hơn.

2. Với sự ra đời của Iphone, Apple đã tiến một bước dài để trở thành công ty dẫn đầu về công nghệ điện thoại thông minh.

3. Với sự trợ giúp của công nghệ kĩ thuật số, các nghệ sĩ có nhiều cách hơn để tạo ra tác phẩm nghệ thuật và tiếp cận công chúng.

4. Chiếc nhẫn này đã được truyền qua nhiều thế hệ trong gia đình tôi, bởi vậy tôi luôn trân trọng nó.

5. Các bác sĩ và giáo viên tại Việt Nam thường được trả lương thấp, điều này là một sự bất công không thỏa đáng đối với những gì họ đóng góp cho xã hội.

Task 2: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. Long / public holiday / be / way / stimulate / economic growth.

2. It / not / be / cost - effective / buy / expensive / new / computer / when / all / you / want / do / be / store / photos.

3. Financial resources / be / money / available / business / spend.

4. Biological research / often / be / precursor / medical breakthrough.

5. Deprived / life / be / double-edged sword: / It / motivate / or / discourage / people / try.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

aid (n)	money - wasting (adj)
compelling (adj)	precursor (n)
cost - effective (adj)	promote (v)
deprived (adj)	recompense (n)
digital technology (np)	stimulate (v)
financial assistance (np)	sustainable (adj)
financial resources (np)	take a (giant) leap (collocation)
governmental budget/allowance/spending (np)	treasure (v)
inadequate (adj)	willingly (adv)

Some people think that governments should give financial support to artists, musicians and poets.

Others think that it is a waste of money.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Governmental finance as a form of support for artists has evolved into a major topic of concern in modern society. While some believe there are real benefits to this policy, I would contend that this is a waste of 1 _____.

There is a common belief that artists should be provided with financial support by the state. People may argue that some artists receive 2_____ compared with what they contribute to society. For example, Nguyen Van Ty, the composer of many nationally-famous songs in Vietnam, lived a 3_____ life and died in poverty. Another significant reason for this belief is that once the 4_____ on supporting artists is allowed, thousands of young artists would be 5_____ to contribute more to the development of art. A clear example of this is that the 2005 6_____ for young photographers in Singapore acted as a 7_____ to an era in which Singaporean photography 8_____ to become a leading industry in the whole country's art sector.

However, I am convinced that this type of 9_____ is wasteful. The primary reason is that in today's economy, artists can take care of themselves financially without the help of the government. With the 10_____ of the Internet and 11_____ artists can now reach millions of people by publishing their artwork online. With this larger target audience, artists may easily find buyers for their paintings, songs or writing and therefore do not need 12_____. Another significant reason why this is a waste of money is that there are better ways for the government to spend their budget for development of the arts. Investment in education in the arts, for example, not only raises the public awareness of the arts, but also makes people 13_____ them more. The result of this practice is that the public would 14_____ pay more for paintings, music or poetry, which is a more 15_____ way to 16_____ the arts. This makes providing artists with financial assistance a less 17_____ and thus a 18_____ policy.

To conclude, although the idea of giving artists financial assistance is worthwhile in the view of some people, I firmly believe that there are far more 19_____ reasons why this policy is a waste of money in today's society.

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