

WHITE ELEPHANT PROJECT- Video Worksheet



1. BEFORE YOU WATCH

- What do you think a "white elephant project" could mean?
- Have you ever heard this expression before? Where?

2. WHILE YOU WATCH

Choose the correct option:

1. A white elephant project is usually:
 - a. Cheap and impractical
 - b. Big and useless
 - c. Small and beautiful
2. The term originally came from:
 - a. Thailand
 - b. India
 - c. Egypt
3. In the past, a white elephant was given as:
 - a. A punishment
 - b. A reward
 - c. A birthday gift

Write the missing word:

A white elephant project is something that is very _____ but has no real use or value.

3. AFTER YOU WATCH

A. Match the examples to the idea of a “white elephant project.”

EXAMPLE	WHITE ELEPHANT (YES/ NO)	WHY?
An unused stadium built for the Olympics.		
An old painting sold for millions of dollars.		
A broken-down luxury yacht that nobody uses.		

MAYBE EXPENSIVE, BUT IT CAN HAVE ARTISTIC OR MONETARY

USELESS DUE TO REPAIR AND COSTLY TO MANTAIN

COSTLY, UNUSED, AND NO LONGER SERVES A PURPOSE

4. VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

A. Match the words with their meanings:

	MEANING
MAINTENANCE	very large or impressive but useless
EXTRAVAGANT	something you must regularly repair
IMPRACTICAL	spending more money than necessary