Artistic Elephants



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PM writing

Information Report & Discussion

Artistic Elephants

Level 25 Emerald

Key Learning Area **The Arts**

Theme **Elephants that paint in zoos**

Title **Elephants That Paint**

Text Type *Information Report*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Reference**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To present information that classifies living or non-living things**

Text Structure

General Statement: Identifies and classifies the subject *(Pages 2–3).*

Description: Provides information about the subject's physical appearance and other characteristics *(Pages 4–7).*

Evaluation: Provides a summary statement about the subject *(Pages 8–9).*

Language Features

- Nouns (*e.g. artists, keepers*)
- Pronouns (*e.g. they, their*)
- Adjectives (*e.g. some, not as many*)
- Present tense verbs (*e.g. help, hold*)
- Adverbs (*e.g. very*)
- Adverbial phrases (*e.g. in hot conditions*)

Title **Should Elephants Paint?**

Text Type *Discussion*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Letters to the editor**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To examine more than one side of an issue**

Text Structure

Opening Statement: Outlines the issue *(Pages 10 and 14).*

Arguments 'For' and 'Against': Includes evidence in support of and against the issue *(Pages 10 and 12, 14 and 16).*

Concluding Statement: Summary of the writer's opinion *(Pages 12 and 16).*

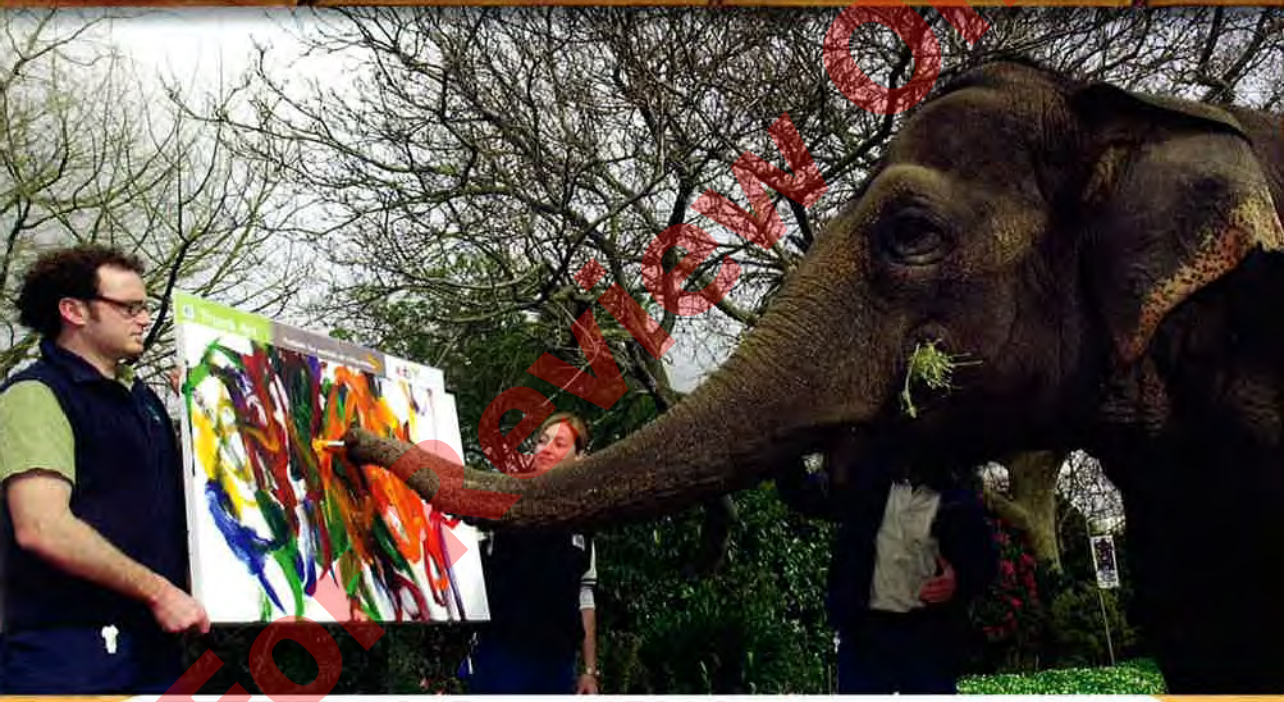
Language Features

- Nouns (*e.g. exhibition, Internet*)
- Pronouns (*e.g. They, them*)
- Adjectives (*e.g. better, new*)
- Sensing verbs (*e.g. disagree, believe*)
- Adverbs (*e.g. strongly, currently*)
- Adverbial phrases (*e.g. in their trunks*)
- Conjunctions/Text connectives (*e.g. whenever*)

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Elephants That Paint

Some animals are able to paint and draw. They are animal artists.

Elephants are able to paint and draw. There are elephant artists in zoos and refuges all around the world.



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Many paintings by elephant artists are sold by zoos and animal charities. Some zoos and charities hold art exhibitions so people can see the paintings. The money raised by selling the paintings is used to help look after the elephants.

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In some countries, elephants help clear forests. The timber from the forests is then sold by big timber companies. Elephants pull huge logs through the forests. They are made to work very hard in hot conditions.

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Today, there are not as many forests so the elephants and their keepers have very little work.

Sometimes, the elephants are abandoned. They have no food and begin to starve.



feeding an abandoned baby elephant at a rescue centre

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Elephant sanctuaries help care for abandoned and starving elephants. They also help the keepers that have no work by giving them jobs as caretakers.



caretakers bathing elephants at a sanctuary

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Elephants are given paintbrushes and paints, and are taught how to paint. Their paintings are sold to tourists.

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