

TASK 1 Answer the following questions:

1. What words are used to describe governments in the developing world in their relation to infrastructure projects?
2. Why is it difficult to persuade companies to participate in infrastructure projects in developing countries? What lessons have they learnt?
3. Describe the development of infrastructure projects in Latin America and Asia since 1990s till today (from investors' point of view).
4. While is water such a passionately discussed issue?
5. Why are private companies reluctant to undertake big infrastructure projects? Why are they risk averse?
6. What other financial difficulties does financing big infrastructure present?
7. How are governments trying to attract private investors today?
8. Why does investment in water and power still remain a challenge?
9. What might be a possible solution to this challenge?
10. Can local African entrepreneurs get involved in small infrastructure projects? What is their government's attitude to that? What does Mr Klein say?

TASK 2 Find the words in the text which mean the following:

1. _____ = opposed to taking risks, or only willing to take small risks, especially in business
2. _____ = old and no longer in good condition
3. _____ = not willing to do something
4. _____ = someone who sells something, but not in a shop
5. _____ = in between two stages, places, levels, times etc