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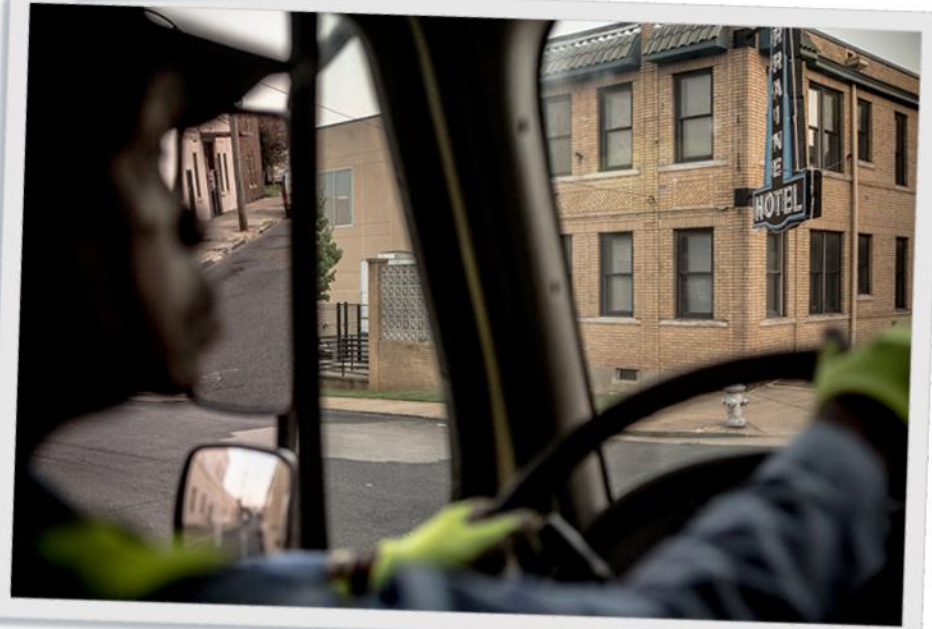


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Lesson 3: Garbage/Recycling

New York City in the 1960s...



The Great NYC Garbage Strike Of 1968



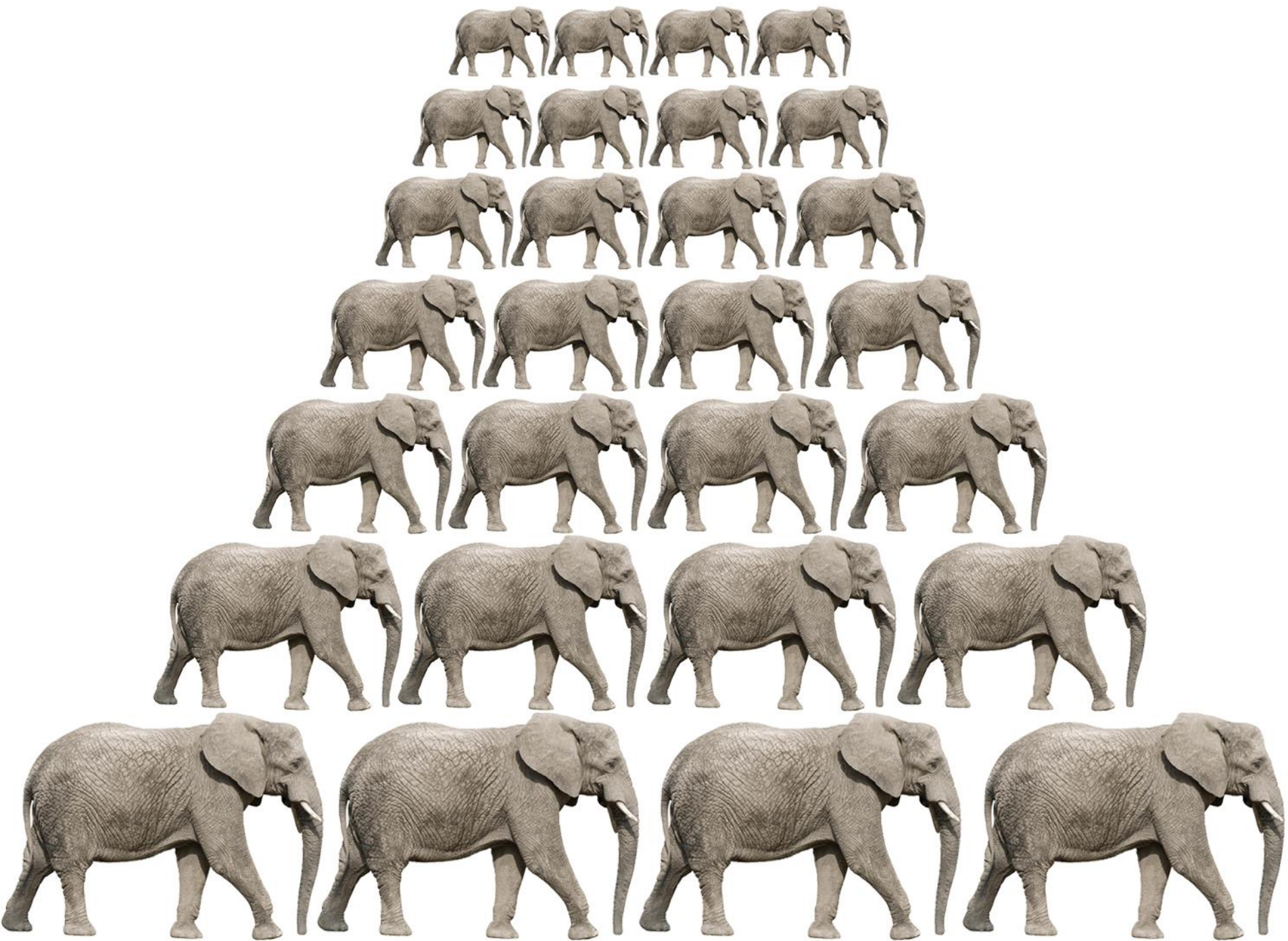
Do you know what happens when your garbage is not collected?

- Well, fortunately for all you students... you didn't have to live through a garbage strike!
- We will learn about how important garbage and recycling workers and their trucks are to everyone!
- We will see how dirty the streets of NYC becomes when the garbage is not collected, even if its just for 13 days!
- Along the way we will learn what happens when trash is not picked up.

In February 1968, NYC sanitation workers all went on strike and this caused a major health problem for the city of NY.



Strike: refusal to work, organized by a large group of employees as a form of protest, usually to gain better pay and benefits from their employer.



Were you wondering why we just counted all those elephants?

- Here is a interesting fact... one elephant weighs about 1 metric ton. Pretty heavy right?
- On the previous page we counted 28 elephants... so that's about 28 metric tons. That's a lot of heaviness going on there right?
- Well, here is a interesting bit of fact during the Great NYC Garbage Strike of 1968. It only nine days of strikes... NYC had piled up 100,000 tons of garbage. All that garbage was left on the streets of NYC.
- Here is a real news clip from the NYC Garbage Strike.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTZ0Yn1sXws>

In just nine days of trash not being picked up, NYC piled up 100,000 tons of stink garbage! That's about 100,000 elephants worth of garbage just hanging around for 13 days straight!



People complained of rats, raccoons and cockroaches running all over the streets of NYC!



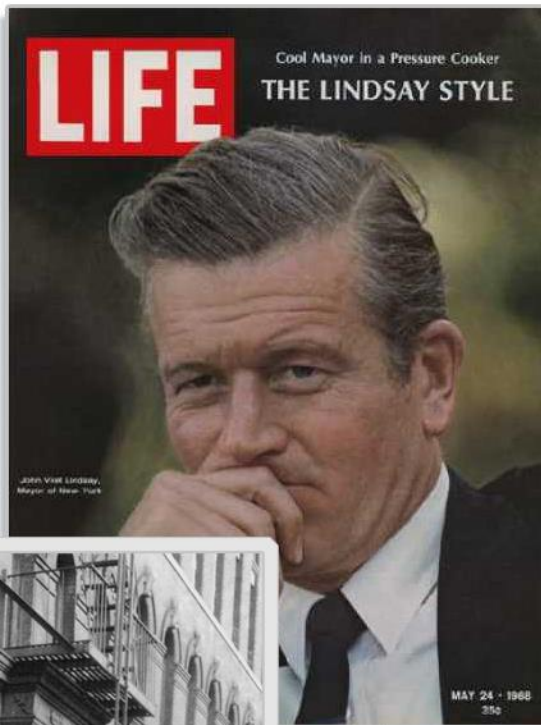
Do these pests affect people in a harmful way?



According to the CDC, rats carry over 35 nasty diseases that make humans very sick.



Raccoons may look very cute, BUT they can be very dangerous. Many of them carry a deadly virus called RABIES! If the rabies virus is not treated immediately, you will die from it.



So nearly two weeks later, the NYC Department of Sanitation workers and the Mayor of New York City, finally came to a agreement. The Sanitation workers received a \$425 increase in their pay.



Now let's go build our own sanitation truck! Have fun!

