Teacher Version

Extension Activity

1. Toxic assets are also known as (overvalued assets/ troubled assets).

2. Mortgages that became toxic (lost/gained) much of their value. As a result, they were (easy/difficult) to sell.

3. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Treasury created TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) to address \$700 (million/ billion) of toxic real estate assets.

4. Which answer best describes a toxic asset?

a. when the price of a house has fallen below the amount of the home loan

b. when the price of a house is higher than normal supply and demand factors suggest

c. when the price of a house is above the amount of the home loan