



PART TWO

I also noticed the way the people of Lopburi treat the monkeys. They are kind to them and make sure that they are not hungry. In the beginning, I found this attitude¹ a bit strange. Why would these people care so much about the monkeys? After all², they are quite scary and they often steal things.

5 I asked my friend Aroon, who owns a small business in the center of town. He explained that the people of Lopburi admire the monkeys because of a famous story that happened many centuries ago. It is about Prince Rama and it tells how monkeys helped him save³ his wife from a horrible monster.

10 They take care of the monkeys and once a year, every November, they honor⁴ them by having a monkey festival. They believe that these monkeys will bring them good luck, like they did for Prince Rama.

¹attitude נחמה / מופק

²after all אחרי הכול / פי הסהיה

³save להציל / ינקד

⁴honor נחנים כבוד / יחטרמון

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Answer the questions for the part/s you read.

Part One

- Choose which sentence is NOT true. Then correct it.
 - The festival takes place once a year.
 - All the people in Lopburi go a little crazy on the festival.
 - The first thing you notice in town are the people.
- What does the writer say about the monkeys? Write one positive (חיובי / ייגאבי) thing and one negative (שלילי / סליבי) thing.
- What is special about the festival? Choose the correct answer.
 - They have it once a year.
 - They prepare food especially for monkeys.
 - They put food on long tables.
 - It is in the city of Lopburi.
- The writer says "I hope they have one today". What does he hope to see?

Part Two

- What was the writer's opinion about monkeys before he spoke to Aroon?
 - He didn't understand why people were kind to them.
 - He thought they bring good luck.
 - He thought they were amazing.
 - He thought they were funny.
- Complete the sentence.
Aroon told the writer the story of Prince Rama to explain why ...