Worksheet 4

Topic: Festivals

Name:_____ **Class:**____ **No:**____

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Directions For items 1-5, read the following passage and write T for TRUE and F for FALSE.

(1) The Songkran Festival or Thai Traditional New Year Day is from April 13th - 15th. The word 'Songkran' is a Thai word which means "move" or "change place" as it is the day when the sun changes its position. On these days, Thai people make merit and **observe the five precepts**. It is a special time to have fun as well as a family reunion. It has been celebrated with water since it is the hottest season of the year. Another name of it is "Water Festival" because Thai people believe that water will wash away bad luck.

(2) In the morning, people go to the temple so as to make merit including offering food to monks and listening to their sermons. In the afternoon of the 13th, Buddha images are bathed by gently pouring water mixed with a Thai fragrance over **them**. It is believed that doing this will bring good luck for the New Year. Afterwards people make sand pagodas on the temple ground.

(3) Since it's also known as the Respectful Festival, younger people express their respect to elders by pouring water onto the hands of their parents and grandparents in order to receive their blessings. A not to be missed activity of this festival is water splashing. Children and adults enjoy splashing water at one another for enjoyment and wish for happiness. During the night, Thai people enjoy watching the Miss Songkran Contest and the beautiful parades.

(4) Finally, It's not celebrated only in Thailand but also is internationally known by people around the world.

1. _____ Thai people generally believe that water will wash away fortune and good luck.
2. _____ The Songkran Festival or Thai Traditional New Year Day takes place annually on April 13th -15th.
3. _____ People celebrate this festival by splashing water because it's in the hottest season.
4. _____ People reluctantly express their respect to elders.
5. _____ The Songkran Festival also known as "Water Festival".



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