Crocodiles of **Sri Lanka**

Before Viewing

Using the Dictionary. Some words have more than one meaning. With a partner, read these sentences from the video. Notice the words in blue. Then read the definitions. There are two definitions for each word. Match each word with the definition that fits the sentence from the video. Use your dictionary to help you.

1. The only chance the **mugger** has in the wild is here, in Yala.
   a. a criminal who robs others in public
   b. a crocodile of southern Asia
2. If they die out here, they're probably gone **for good**.
   a. forever, permanently
   b. so that things will be better
3. The winner gets the prize—his **pick** of the females.
   a. a sharp, pointed tool
   b. a choice
4. Muggers have been acting out this **ritual** for more than 100 million years.
   a. a procedure for a religious ceremony
   b. an activity or behavior that happens often

While Viewing

Note-Taking. Watch the first two minutes of the video. Complete the notes with words from the box.

captive	crocodiles	farms	habitat	human	India	mugger

1. Increased _____ populations → less _____ for animals
2. India: big problem for _____
3. Rom Whitaker wants to save the _____ crocodile
4. Indian wetlands are now _____
5. Madras Crocodile Bank—world's largest _____ pop. of muggers
6. Can't let them go—no place for them in _____

Note-Taking. Watch the next two minutes of the video. Complete the notes with one or two words you hear.

1. Past: wild muggers throughout Indian _____
2. Today: _____ thousand left
3. _____ years ago: wild muggers in Sri Lanka
4. _____ is going to look for them.
5. Yala National Park—world's largest pop. of _____ muggers

Note-Taking. Watch the rest of the video and take notes. Then use your notes to answer the questions.

1. Rom wants to know if the Yala muggers are thriving. Why can't he find out from other researchers?

2. Why is Rom observing the muggers at night? What is he doing?

3. Do the males spend a lot of time fighting? Why do they fight? Are many of them killed?