

**T** **A** Before reading, get to know some of the facts by matching A to B. Look for words that begin with capital letters in the online column.

**1** Nick Winston

the name of the writer of the online column

**2** Lopburi, Thailand

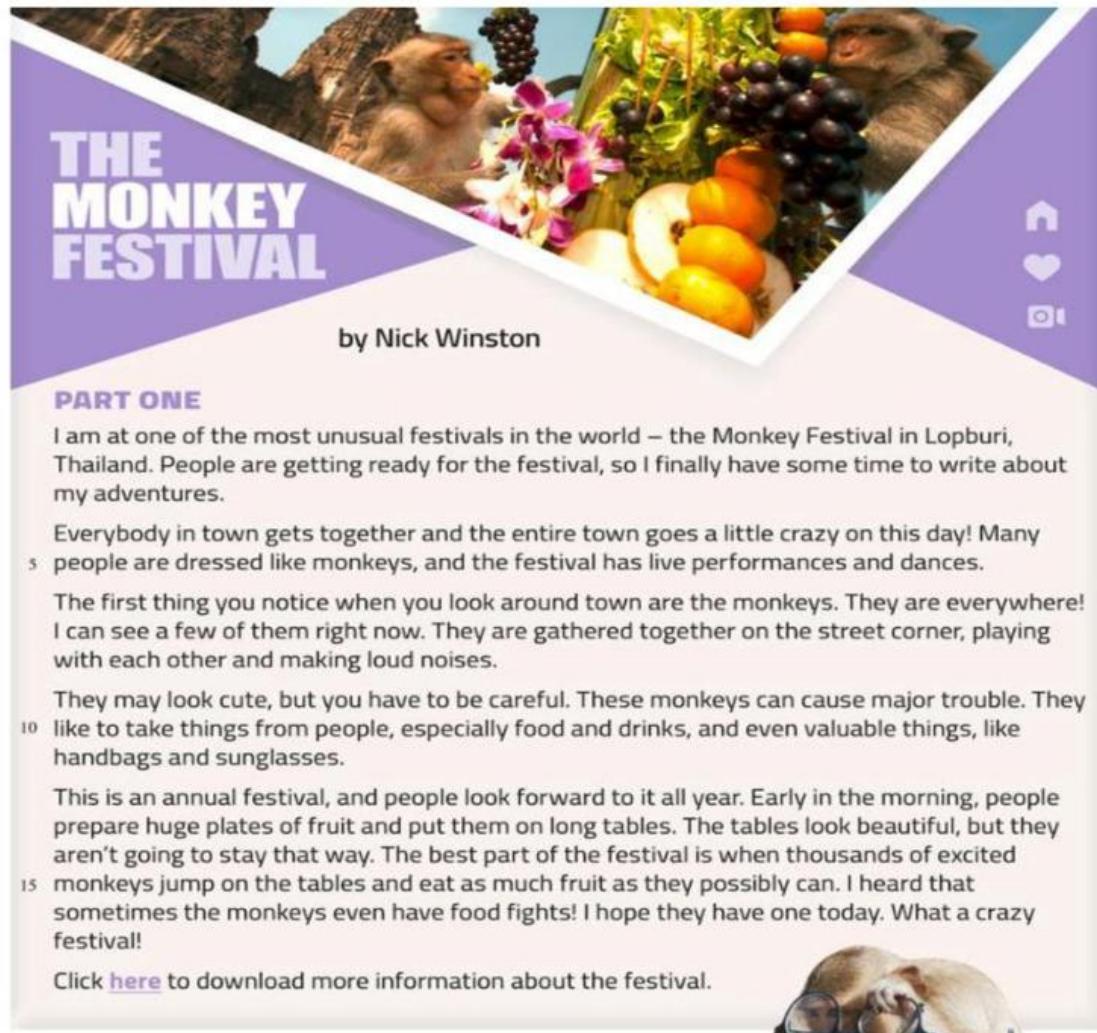
the place where the monkey festival takes place

**3** Prince Rama

the time when the festival takes place

**4** November

an important person that the monkeys helped



# THE MONKEY FESTIVAL

by Nick Winston

**PART ONE**

I am at one of the most unusual festivals in the world – the Monkey Festival in Lopburi, Thailand. People are getting ready for the festival, so I finally have some time to write about my adventures.

Everybody in town gets together and the entire town goes a little crazy on this day! Many people are dressed like monkeys, and the festival has live performances and dances.

The first thing you notice when you look around town are the monkeys. They are everywhere! I can see a few of them right now. They are gathered together on the street corner, playing with each other and making loud noises.

They may look cute, but you have to be careful. These monkeys can cause major trouble. They like to take things from people, especially food and drinks, and even valuable things, like handbags and sunglasses.

This is an annual festival, and people look forward to it all year. Early in the morning, people prepare huge plates of fruit and put them on long tables. The tables look beautiful, but they aren't going to stay that way. The best part of the festival is when thousands of excited monkeys jump on the tables and eat as much fruit as they possibly can. I heard that sometimes the monkeys even have food fights! I hope they have one today. What a crazy festival!

Click [here](#) to download more information about the festival.

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

He hopes to see \_\_\_\_\_