

# Monkey Business

## Going Bananas

### A group of monkeys runs wild in India's capital.

Monkeys are making mischief in New Delhi. That is the **capital** of India, a country in Asia.

Monkeys have always lived freely in India. The number of rhesus monkeys in New Delhi is growing. Thousands of rhesus monkeys live there.

The monkeys are causing many problems. They take baths in **public** fountains. They bite people who will not give them food. The animals also steal food from people.

Why are so many monkeys running wild in the city? The animals have lost much of their forest habitat. A habitat is a place in nature where a plant or an animal lives. People have cut down trees to make room for homes and shopping **centers**.

## Monkey Fun Facts



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Monkeys travel together to find food. A group of monkeys is called a troop.



*David A. Northcott/Corbis*

Don't be fooled by a smiling monkey. When monkeys show their teeth, it is a sign of anger.



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Monkeys can make friends with other troop members by grooming them. They use their fingers to comb and clean each other's **fur**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. According to the text, why do monkeys travel in groups?

- A. Monkeys travel in groups to groom each other.
- B. Monkeys travel in groups to take baths together.
- C. Monkeys travel in groups to find new homes.
- D. Monkeys travel in groups to look for food.

2. What problem and solution are described in this text?

- A. The problem is monkeys are everywhere in India and the solution is to send them all to New Delhi.
- B. The problem is monkeys biting people and the solution is to give medicine to the people with monkey bites.
- C. The problem is monkeys who are very dirty and the solution is the monkeys combing and cleaning each other's fur.
- D. The problem is monkeys running wild in New Delhi and the solution is to stop destroying their habitat.

3. Read these sentences from the text.

[Monkeys] take baths in public fountains. They bite people who will not give them food. The animals also steal food from people.

Based on this evidence, what conclusion can you draw about the monkeys?

- A. The monkeys are actually very friendly.
- B. The monkeys cause many problems for people.
- C. The monkeys only bite people who are mean to them.
- D. It's unhealthy for monkeys to eat human food.

4. What does the text imply?

- A. The plan that the mayor of New Delhi has to control the monkeys will definitely work.
- B. The monkeys in New Delhi will soon go live somewhere else where they can be wild and free.
- C. The monkey problem in New Delhi may get worse if more trees are cut down.
- D. The monkeys in New Delhi should be allowed to do whatever they like.

5. What would be another good title for this text?

- A. Monkeys in India
- B. Monkeys Taking Baths
- C. Monkeys Gone Wild
- D. Monkeys Lose Their Homes

6. Read these sentence from the text.

A group of monkeys runs wild in India's capital.

Monkeys are making **mischief** in New Delhi.

In these sentences, what does the word "**mischief**" mean?

- A. food
- B. trouble
- C. noise
- D. joy

7. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_monkeys have lost their homes in the forest, they are running wild in New Delhi.

- A. Although
- B. Since
- C. So
- D. Then

**8.** Name two problems caused by the increase of rhesus monkeys in New Delhi.

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**9.** What suggestions might you have for living peacefully with the monkeys? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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