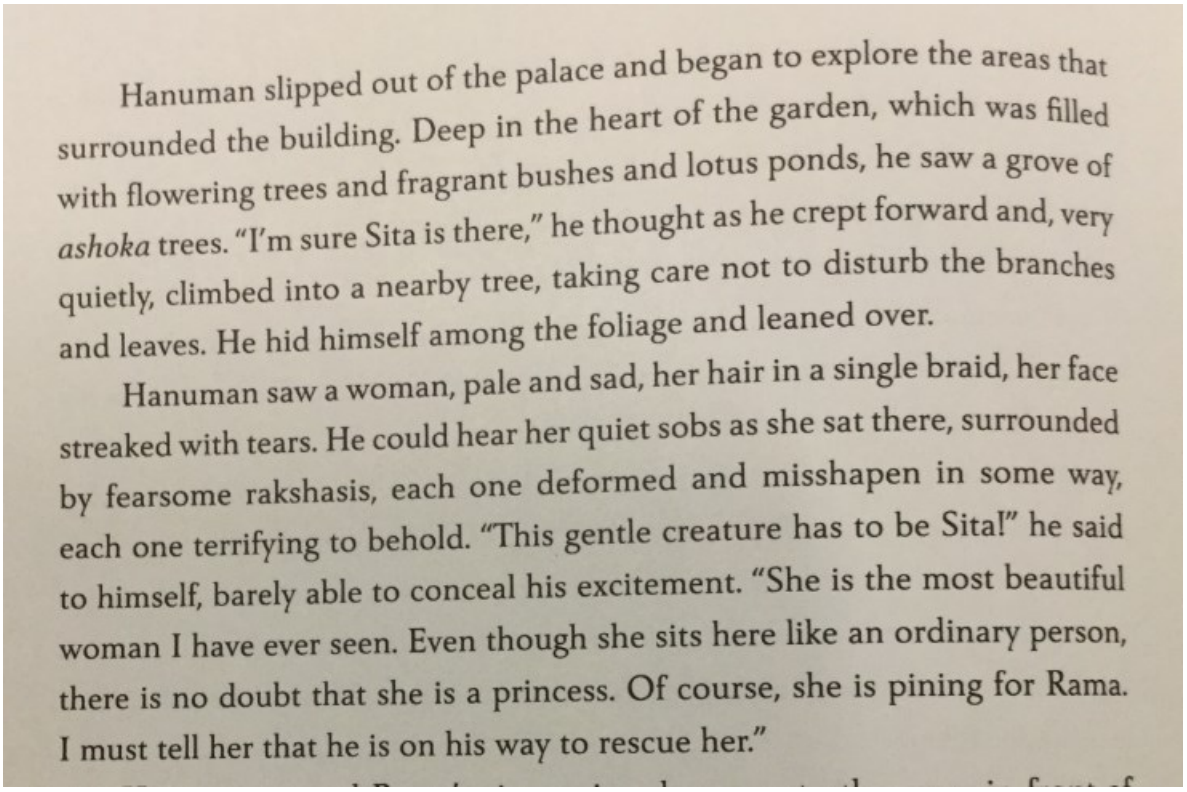
Monday 23rd November 2020

Finding evidence from the text



Hanuman slipped out of the palace and began to explore the areas that surrounded the building. Deep in the heart of the garden, which was filled with flowering trees and fragrant bushes and lotus ponds, he saw a grove of *ashoka* trees. "I'm sure Sita is there," he thought as he crept forward and, very quietly, climbed into a nearby tree, taking care not to disturb the branches and leaves. He hid himself among the foliage and leaned over.

Hanuman saw a woman, pale and sad, her hair in a single braid, her face streaked with tears. He could hear her quiet sobs as she sat there, surrounded by fearsome rakshasis, each one deformed and misshapen in some way, each one terrifying to behold. "This gentle creature has to be Sita!" he said to himself, barely able to conceal his excitement. "She is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen. Even though she sits here like an ordinary person, there is no doubt that she is a princess. Of course, she is pining for Rama. I must tell her that he is on his way to rescue her."

Find and copy from the text:

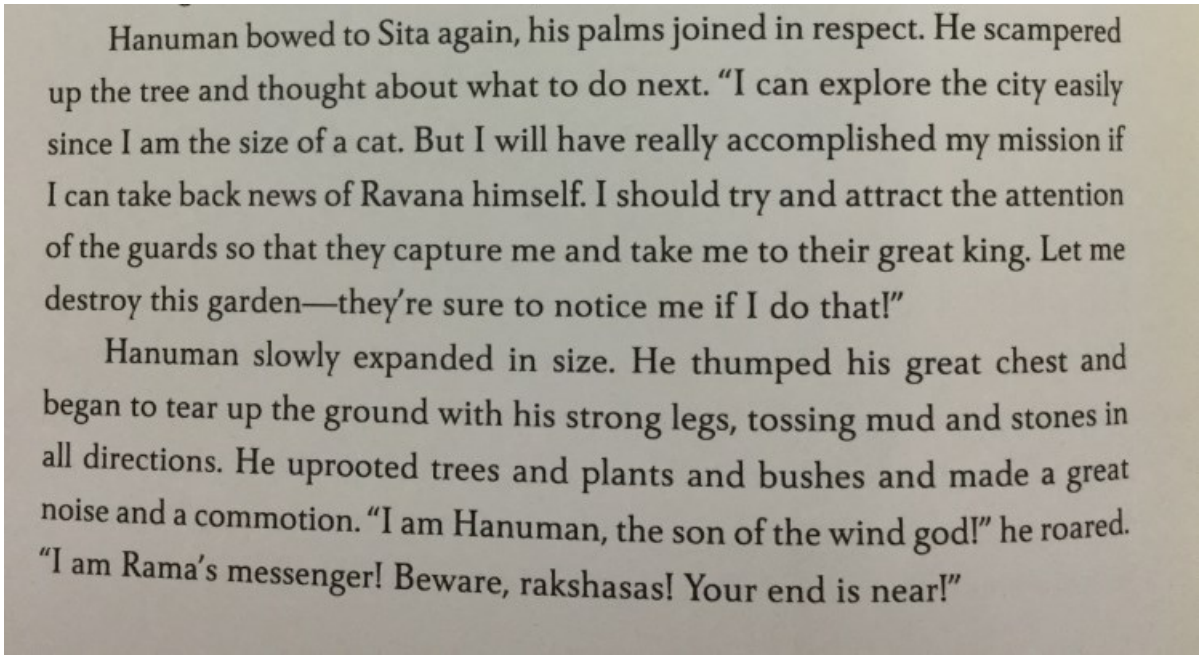
1. *A word that means 'left quietly'*
2. *Three things that were in the garden.*
3. *A word that means nice-smelling.*
4. *A synonym for crying.*
5. *An antonym for belief.*

Ravana's palace is rich.

What evidence can you find in the text to support this?

Tuesday 24th November 2020

Finding evidence in the text



Hanuman bowed to Sita again, his palms joined in respect. He scampered up the tree and thought about what to do next. "I can explore the city easily since I am the size of a cat. But I will have really accomplished my mission if I can take back news of Ravana himself. I should try and attract the attention of the guards so that they capture me and take me to their great king. Let me destroy this garden—they're sure to notice me if I do that!"

Hanuman slowly expanded in size. He thumped his great chest and began to tear up the ground with his strong legs, tossing mud and stones in all directions. He uprooted trees and plants and bushes and made a great noise and a commotion. "I am Hanuman, the son of the wind god!" he roared. "I am Rama's messenger! Beware, rakshasas! Your end is near!"

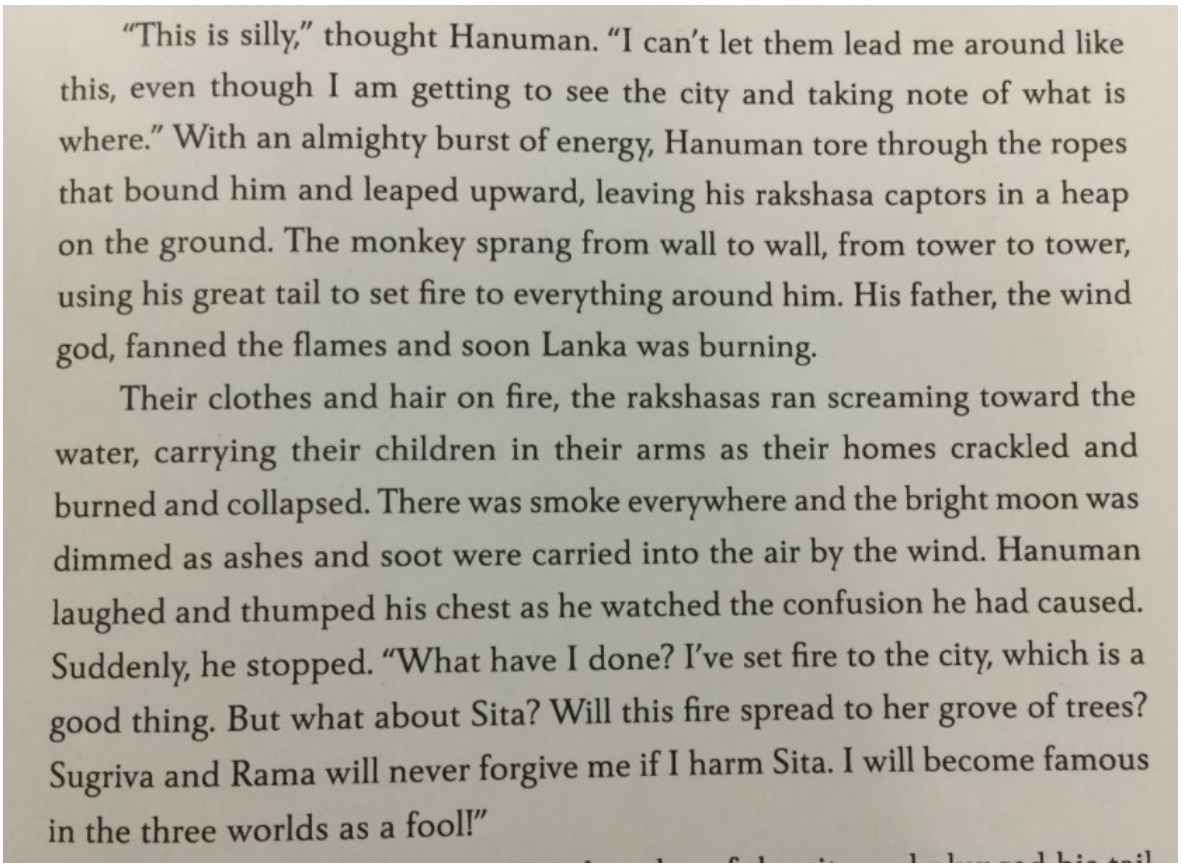
Find and copy from the text:

1. *What Hanuman does to show respect to Sita.*
2. *A synonym for climbed.*
3. *A synonym meaning to show interest.*
4. *An antonym for 'getting smaller'.*
5. *A word that means a lot of noise and disturbance.*

How do you know that Ravana is angry? Use the text to support your answer.

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Find and copy



"This is silly," thought Hanuman. "I can't let them lead me around like this, even though I am getting to see the city and taking note of what is where." With an almighty burst of energy, Hanuman tore through the ropes that bound him and leaped upward, leaving his rakshasa captors in a heap on the ground. The monkey sprang from wall to wall, from tower to tower, using his great tail to set fire to everything around him. His father, the wind god, fanned the flames and soon Lanka was burning.

Their clothes and hair on fire, the rakshasas ran screaming toward the water, carrying their children in their arms as their homes crackled and burned and collapsed. There was smoke everywhere and the bright moon was dimmed as ashes and soot were carried into the air by the wind. Hanuman laughed and thumped his chest as he watched the confusion he had caused. Suddenly, he stopped. "What have I done? I've set fire to the city, which is a good thing. But what about Sita? Will this fire spread to her grove of trees? Sugriva and Rama will never forgive me if I harm Sita. I will become famous in the three worlds as a fool!"

Find and copy from the text:

1. A question that Hanuman asks himself.
2. A word that means 'big' or 'massive'
3. A synonym for 'tied up'
4. A synonym for 'fell down'.
5. An antonym for someone clever or intelligent.