

# DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

## READING COMPREHENSION



### DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Dragon Boat Festival is a special holiday celebrated in many parts of Asia, especially in China. It is a time for families and friends to come together to enjoy exciting races, tasty food, and colorful decorations.



**THE STORY OF QU YUAN**  
He lived a wise poet named Qu Yuan. He wrote beautiful poems about his country deeply. But some people in power didn't like him, so they drove him from the kingdom. Qu Yuan's exile saddened the people, and they missed him. They raced out in their boats, banging drums and splashing water to scare away the fish and evil spirits. They also threw sticky rice wrapped in leaves into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body.

**THE SACRIFICE**  
At the exile of his beloved poet, the people of his village tried to rescue him. They raced out in their boats, banging drums and splashing water to scare away the fish and evil spirits. They threw sticky rice wrapped in leaves into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body.

#### DRAGON BOAT RACES

To honor Qu Yuan's memory, every year during the Dragon Boat Festival, people hold exciting dragon boat races. The colorful boats that look like dragons are so exciting to watch. The races are so exciting that people wrap their boats with colorful ribbons for the eyes of spectators.

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#### COLORFUL DECORATIONS

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## DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

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### THE LEGEND OF QU YUAN

In ancient China, there lived a wise poet named Qu Yuan. He wrote beautiful poems and loved his country deeply. But some people in power didn't like him, so they banished him from the kingdom. Qu Yuan's exile saddened the people, and they tried to save him. They raced out in their boats, banging drums and splashing water to scare away the fish and evil spirits. They also threw sticky rice wrapped in leaves into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body.

### QU YUAN'S SACRIFICE

Heartbroken by the exile of his beloved poet, the people of his village tried to save him. They raced out in their boats, banging drums and splashing water to scare away the fish and evil spirits. They threw sticky rice wrapped in leaves into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body.



### DRAGON BOAT RACES

To honor Qu Yuan's memory, every year during the Dragon Boat Festival, people race in long, colorful boats that look like dragons. These races are so exciting to watch! Teams paddle their boats with all their might, cheered on by crowds of spectators.

### ZONGZI DELIGHTS

One of the yummiest parts of the Dragon Boat Festival is eating zongzi, delicious sticky rice dumplings. These tasty treats are stuffed with fillings like pork, beans, or sweet red bean paste, then wrapped in bamboo leaves and steamed until they're just right.

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### COLORFUL DECORATIONS

During the festival, you'll see lots of bright decorations everywhere. People hang up colorful silk banners and special charms called "zhongzi" to bring good luck and keep evil spirits away.



### FAMILY TIME

Dragon Boat Festival is a time for families to gather and have fun together. They might go watch the dragon boat races, eat yummy food, or even make their own zongzi at home.

### CONCLUSION

The Dragon Boat Festival is a joyful celebration filled with exciting races, tasty treats, and colorful traditions. It's a time to remember the bravery of Qu Yuan and enjoy precious moments with family and friends.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the Dragon Boat Festival?
2. Who was Qu Yuan, and why is he remembered during the festival?
3. What did people do to try to save him?
4. What are zongzi, and what are they made of?
5. Besides watching dragon boat races, what else do families do during the festival?

6. What do people race during the festival?
- a) Cars
  - b) Horses
  - c) Boats
  - d) Bicycles

7. What are zongzi?
- a) Sticky rice dumplings
  - b) Chocolate bars
  - c) Cookies
  - d) Candies

8. What are zongzi stuffed with?
- a) Ice cream
  - b) Pork, beans, or sweet red bean paste
  - c) Vegetables
  - d) Chicken

9. What do people hang up during the festival for good luck?
- a) Colorful silk banners
  - b) Old shoes
  - c) Broken toys
  - d) Rotten Fruits

10. What is the Dragon Boat Festival a time for?
- a) Studying
  - b) Working
  - c) Families to gather and have fun together
  - d) Sleeping

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQ'S

1. b) Asia
2. a) A wise poet
3. c) He was disliked by some people in power
4. b) They raced out in boats, banging drums and splashing water
5. c) Sticky rice wrapped in leaves
6. c) Boats
7. a) Sticky rice dumplings
8. b) Pork, beans, or sweet red bean paste
9. a) Colorful silk banners
10. c) Families to gather and have fun together

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Dragon Boat Festival is a special holiday celebrated in many parts of Asia, especially in China.
2. Qu Yuan was a wise poet who was banished from the kingdom. He is remembered during the festival for his love for his country and his bravery.
3. People raced out in their boats, banging drums and splashing water to scare away the fish and evil spirits. They also threw sticky rice wrapped in leaves into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body.
4. Zongzi are delicious sticky rice dumplings stuffed with fillings like pork, beans, or sweet red bean paste.
5. Families gather to watch the dragon boat races, eat yummy food, or even make their own zongzi at home.

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## DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the Dragon Boat Festival primarily celebrated in?
  - a) Europe
  - b) Asia
  - c) Africa
  - d) North America
2. Who was Qu Yuan?
  - a) A wise poet
  - b) A powerful king
  - c) A famous chef
  - d) A skilled warrior
3. Why was Qu Yuan banished from the kingdom?
  - a) He was too powerful
  - b) He was too wealthy
  - c) He was disliked by some people in power
  - d) He was a poor poet
4. What did the people do to try to save Qu Yuan?
  - a) They threw stones at him
  - b) They raced out in boats, banging drums and splashing water
  - c) They ignored him
  - d) They laughed at him
5. What did the people throw into the river to prevent the fish from eating Qu Yuan's body?
  - a) Stones
  - b) Bread
  - c) Sticky rice wrapped in leaves
  - d) Vegetables

10 - MCQ'S & 5  
QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY  
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