

# Dragon Boat Races

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## DRAGON BOAT RACES

Dragon Boat Races are an ancient tradition that originated in China over 2,000 years ago. Today, people all around the world celebrate this exciting sport. Let's dive into the thrilling world of Dragon Boat Races!



### WHAT ARE DRAGON BOATS?

Dragon boats are long, narrow boats decorated with colorful dragon heads and tails. They can be up to 40 feet long and hold a team of paddlers, usually between 10 to 20 people. The boats are beautifully painted and designed to resemble a dragon, a powerful and mythical creature in Chinese culture.

### HISTORY OF DRAGON BOAT RACES

The tradition of Dragon Boat Races dates back to ancient China. Legend has it that the races began over 2,000 years ago to commemorate the death of a poet and statesman named Qu Yuan. People raced their boats on the river to scare away evil spirits and to honor Qu Yuan's memory.

### PREPARING FOR THE RACE

Months before the big day, teams dive into intense training sessions to get ready for the Dragon Boat Races. They gather regularly to practice their paddling techniques and build up their strength and endurance. Each member of the team plays a crucial role, from the paddlers who power the boat to the drummer who keeps the rhythm steady. It takes dedication, hard work, and a lot of teamwork to get ready for the exciting challenge ahead.

### THE EXCITING RACE DAY

On race day, the atmosphere is filled with excitement and energy. Spectators gather along the riverbanks to cheer for their favorite teams. The dragon boats line up at the starting line, and the air is buzzing with anticipation.



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### THE RACE BEGINS

As the signal is given, the teams start paddling furiously, driving their boats forward with all their strength. The sound of drumming fills the air, guiding the paddlers and keeping them motivated. It's a thrilling sight to see the colorful dragon boats racing down the river, each team giving their all to cross the finish line first.



### TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION

Dragon Boat Races are not just about speed; they're also about teamwork and cooperation. Each paddler must work together with their teammates, paddling in perfect harmony to propel the boat forward. It teaches valuable lessons about collaboration and working towards a common goal.

### CELEBRATING THE WINNERS

After the race, the winning team is celebrated with cheers and applause. They receive medals and trophies as a reward for their hard work and determination. But win or lose, everyone comes together to celebrate the spirit of the Dragon Boat Festival and the joy of participating in this ancient tradition.

### CONCLUSION

Dragon Boat Races are more than just a sport; they're a celebration of culture, teamwork, and community spirit. Whether you're paddling in the boat or cheering from the sidelines, the Dragon Boat Races are an unforgettable experience that brings people together from all walks of life.

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# DRAGON BOAT RACES

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## 1. What are dragon boats?

- a) Boats used For Fishing
- b) Long, narrow boats decorated like dragons
- c) Boats made of dragon scales
- d) Boats shaped like dragons

## 2. How long ago did Dragon Boat Races originate?

- a) Over 500 years ago
- b) Over 1,000 years ago
- c) Over 2,000 years ago
- d) Over 3,000 years ago

## 3. Who is honored during Dragon Boat Races?

- a) Emperor of China
- b) Famous explorer
- c) Poet and statesman Qu Yuan
- d) Dragon Boat captain

## 4. What is the role of the drummer in a dragon boat team?

- a) Steering the boat
- b) Setting the pace with drum beats
- c) Cheering the team
- d) Decorating the boat

## 5. What happens on race day?

- a) Teams practice on the river
- b) Teams gather for a feast
- c) Spectators cheer along the riverbanks
- d) Teams paint their boats

## 6. How many paddlers are usually in a team?

- a) 5-10
- b) 10-20
- c) 20-30
- d) 30-40

## 7. What lesson can be learned from Dragon Boat Races?

- a) How to cook Chinese Food
- b) The importance of teamwork
- c) How to build a dragon boat
- d) How to win a race

## 8. What do the winners of the Dragon Boat Races receive?

- a) Medals and trophies
- b) Dragon boat souvenirs
- c) Dragon-shaped cookies
- d) Dragon masks

## 9. What is the purpose of the drumming during the race?

- a) To scare away evil spirits
- b) To keep the paddlers in rhythm
- c) To signal the end of the race
- d) To entertain the spectators

## 10. What is the main focus of Dragon Boat Races?

- a) Individual speed
- b) Teamwork and cooperation
- c) Crafting and decorating dragon boats
- d) Competing against other countries

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What are dragon boats decorated with?
2. Who is honored during Dragon Boat Races?
3. What is the role of the drummer in a dragon boat team?
4. What lesson can be learned from participating in Dragon Boat Races?
5. What do the winners of the Dragon Boat Races receive as a reward?

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQ'S

1. b) Long, narrow boats decorated like dragons
2. c) Over 2,000 years ago
3. c) Poet and statesman Qu Yuan
4. b) Setting the pace with drum beats
5. c) Spectators cheer along the riverbanks
6. b) 10-20
7. b) The importance of teamwork
8. a) Medals and trophies
9. b) To keep the paddlers in rhythm
10. b) Teamwork and cooperation

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Dragon boats are decorated with colorful dragon heads and tails.
2. Poet and statesman Qu Yuan is honored during Dragon Boat Races.
3. The drummer sets the pace with drum beats to keep the paddlers in rhythm.
4. The lesson learned from participating in Dragon Boat Races is the importance of teamwork.
5. The winners of the Dragon Boat Races receive medals and trophies as a reward.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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