

Dragon Boat Festival

WHAT IS A DRAGON BOAT?

READING COMPREHENSION



THE DRAGON BOAT RACES
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WHAT IS A DRAGON BOAT?
Have you ever seen a dragon boat? They're not like the boats you see at the beach. Dragon boats are special boats with a long history and a beloved poet. Now, it's not just in China, but in many countries where they have dragon boat races.

THE SHAPE OF A DRAGON BOAT
Dragon boats are long and narrow, like big canoes. They have a dragon head carved at the front, which makes them look fierce and powerful. The tail often has a dragon tail too, making them look like real dragons gliding through the water.

COLORS AND DESIGNS
Dragon boats come in all sorts of colors, from bright red to deep blue. They are decorated with beautiful designs and patterns, like scales on the dragon head. Each boat might have its own unique design, making them fun to look at.

TEAMWORK
To make a dragon boat move, paddlers use long oars. They have to row together in sync. Teamwork is super important. If everyone paddles together with the same rhythm, the boat will glide smoothly. It takes practice and teamwork.

THE DRUMMER
On a dragon boat, there's usually a drummer at the front. The drummer beats a drum to help the paddlers. They beat the drum with the drum's sound.

IS A DRAGON BOAT...
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.
Main focus of the passage is about the types of boats and significance of dragon boat races. The importance of teamwork in rowing dragon boats apart from their design and decoration. The dragon head is typically carved at the front of the boat. The role of the drummer in a dragon boat race.

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QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

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WHAT IS A DRAGON BOAT

Have you ever heard of a dragon boat? They're not like the boats you see at the beach or in a lake. Dragon boats are special boats with a long history and exciting races!

THE SHAPE OF A DRAGON BOAT

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THE COLORS AND DESIGNS

Dragon boats come in all sorts of colors, from bright red to deep blue. Sometimes they're decorated with beautiful designs and patterns, like scales on a dragon's back. Each boat might have its own unique look, making them fun to spot during races.



THE PADDLES AND TEAMWORK

To make a dragon boat move, paddlers use long paddles to row together in sync. Teamwork is super important! If everyone paddles together with strength and rhythm, the boat will glide smoothly through the water. It takes practice and

coordination to paddle effectively.

THE DRUMMER'S BEAT

In the front of the boat, there's usually a drummer sitting high up. Their job is to keep the rhythm for the paddlers. They beat a big drum loudly, guiding the paddlers to row in time with the drum's sound. The drumbeat adds excitement and energy to the race!

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THE DRAGON BOAT RACES

The most thrilling part of dragon boats is the races! Teams from different places come together to compete. Crowds gather along the shore to cheer and watch as the boats race against each other. It's an exciting spectacle filled with cheers and laughter.



THE HISTORY AND TRADITION

Dragon boat racing has been around for centuries, originating from ancient China. It started as a way to honor Qu Yuan, a beloved poet. Now, it's celebrated all over the world, not just in China, but in many countries where people love the excitement of dragon boat races.

CONCLUSION

Dragon boats are not just ordinary boats – they're symbols of strength, teamwork, and tradition. From their fierce dragon heads to the paddlers working together as one, there's something magical about these boats. So, next time you see a dragon boat, remember the history and excitement behind it!

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WHAT IS A DRAGON BOAT

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the main focus of the passage?

- a) Different types of boats
- b) The history and significance of dragon boats
- c) How to decorate boats
- d) The importance of teamwork in rowing

2. What sets dragon boats apart from other boats?

- a) Their size
- b) Their shape and design
- c) Their speed
- d) Their color

3. What is typically carved at the front of a dragon boat?

- a) A fish
- b) A dragon head
- c) A flower
- d) A star

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

- a) Steering the boat
- b) Setting the pace for the paddlers
- c) Decorating the boat
- d) Cheering for the team

5. Where did dragon boat racing originate?

- a) Japan
- b) Australia
- c) China
- d) Europe

6. What is emphasized as important in dragon boat racing?

- a) Individual speed
- b) Teamwork and coordination
- c) Decorations on the boat
- d) The color of their paddles

7. What adds excitement and energy to a dragon boat race?

- a) Music
- b) Fireworks
- c) The sound of the drumbeat
- d) Shouting

8. What does the passage suggest about the origin of dragon boat racing?

- a) It started in modern times.
- b) It originated as a way to honor a poet.
- c) It was primarily a European tradition.
- d) It has no historical significance.

9. How are dragon boats powered?

- a) By engines
- b) By sails
- c) By rowers using paddles
- d) By wind

10. What is the conclusion regarding dragon boat racing?

- a) They are simply boats used for racing.
- b) They are symbols of strength, teamwork, and tradition.
- c) They are only used in China.
- d) They have no significance beyond their use in racing.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What distinguishes dragon boats from other boats?
2. What role does the drummer play in a dragon boat race?
3. Where did dragon boat racing originate?
4. What is emphasized as important in dragon boat racing?
5. What adds excitement and energy to a dragon boat race?

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) The history and significance of dragon boats
2. b) Their shape and design
3. b) A dragon head
4. b) Setting the pace for the paddlers
5. c) China
6. b) Teamwork and coordination
7. c) The sound of the drumbeat
8. b) It originated as a way to honor a poet.
9. c) By rowers using paddles
10. b) They are symbols of strength, teamwork, and tradition.

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Dragon boats are distinguished by their shape and design, with dragon heads carved at the front.
2. The drummer sets the pace for the paddlers in a dragon boat race.
3. Dragon boat racing originated in China.
4. Teamwork and coordination are emphasized as important for paddlers in a dragon boat.
5. The sound of the drumbeat adds excitement and energy to a dragon boat race.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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