

# Dragon Boat Festival



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The Dragon Boat Festival is a fun holiday in Taiwan. It happens in May or June. People race long boats shaped like **dragons**. The boats have a dragon head on the front.

Teams of **rowers** sit in the boat. They use paddles to push the boat through the water. One person hits a **drum** to keep everyone together. The boats go very fast across the river.

People eat special food called zongzi. These are sticky rice balls wrapped in **leaves**. Inside the rice, there is meat or beans. They taste **delicious** and are fun to unwrap.

This holiday **remembers** a man named Qu Yuan. He was a good and **honest** person long ago. He jumped into a river, and people tried to save him. The boat races remember this story.

The Dragon Boat Festival is very **exciting**. Many people watch the races. They cheer for their **favorite** team. It is a great time to be with family and friends!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. dragons _____   | a. always telling the truth                  |
| 2. rowers _____    | b. a round thing you hit to make sound       |
| 3. drum _____      | c. fun and makes you happy                   |
| 4. leaves _____    | d. green flat parts of a plant               |
| 5. delicious _____ | e. a big celebration or party                |
| 6. remembers _____ | f. big magical animals that look like snakes |
| 7. honest _____    | g. the one you like the most                 |
| 8. exciting _____  | h. very good to eat                          |
| 9. favorite _____  | i. people who paddle a boat                  |
| 10. festival _____ | j. thinks about the past                     |

## B. True or False

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1. Dragon boats look like snakes. \_\_\_\_
2. The festival is in May or June. \_\_\_\_
3. Teams use paddles to move the boat. \_\_\_\_
4. A drum helps keep everyone together. \_\_\_\_
5. Zongzi is made with bread. \_\_\_\_
6. Qu Yuan was a bad person. \_\_\_\_
7. The festival is about Qu Yuan. \_\_\_\_
8. Only a few people watch the races. \_\_\_\_
9. Zongzi is wrapped in leaves. \_\_\_\_

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** dragons, rowers, drum, leaves, delicious, honest, exciting

1. The boats are shaped like \_\_\_\_\_ with a dragon head.
2. Teams of \_\_\_\_\_ sit in the boat and paddle.
3. One person hits a \_\_\_\_\_ to keep everyone together.
4. Zongzi is wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Dragon Boat Festival is very \_\_\_\_\_.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. When is the Dragon Boat Festival?
2. What do dragon boats look like?
3. What is zongzi?
4. Who was Qu Yuan?
5. What does the person with the drum do?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Would you like to be on a dragon boat team? Why?
2. Have you ever tried zongzi? What did you think?
3. What holidays do you celebrate with your family?

# Answer Key

*Dragon Boat Festival — Teacher Reference Only*

**A. Vocabulary:** 1-f, 2-g, 3-c, 4-h, 5-i, 6-a, 7-j, 8-d, 9-e, 10-b

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-dragons, 2-rowers, 3-drum, 4-leaves, 5-exciting

**D. Comprehension:**

1. May or June
2. Like dragons with a dragon head on front
3. Sticky rice wrapped in leaves with meat or beans
4. A good and honest man from long ago
5. Keeps everyone rowing together