



The Dragon Boat Festival — A Race on the River

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Every summer, people across Taiwan watch an exciting **race** on the water called the Dragon Boat **Festival**. Long, colorful **boats** shaped like dragons speed down the **river**, and loud **drums** beat to help every **team** row at the same time. Schools and many workers get the day off so **family** and friends can watch **together**.

Each dragon **boat** has a big team of rowers. Every person on the **team** must be **strong** and row very **fast**. A drummer sits at the front and hits the **drum** hard, so the rowers know when to pull their oars. The loud beat helps the whole team move as one.

The story behind the festival is about a **brave** man who loved his country. People say he was so **brave** that others still remember him today. That is why families race **boats** and eat a special rice snack wrapped in leaves, to remember his story every year.

Dragon boat races happen on rivers and lakes all over Taiwan. Big cities hold huge races, and many **teams** practice for weeks to get **faster**. Crowds stand by the **river** to cheer, clap, and enjoy the **festival** mood, even when the summer sun is hot.

The Dragon Boat **Festival** is a day to be **brave**, row **fast**, and enjoy time **together** as a **family**. Whether people watch from the **riverbank** or jump in a **boat** themselves, it is one of the most exciting festivals of the year.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. race ____ | a. willing to do something difficult or scary |
| 2. festival ____ | b. having a lot of physical power |
| 3. boat ____ | c. a special day or time when people celebrate together |
| 4. river ____ | d. moving with great speed |
| 5. drum ____ | e. a musical instrument you hit to make a beat |
| 6. team ____ | f. with each other, not apart |
| 7. strong ____ | g. a competition to see who is the fastest |
| 8. fast ____ | h. a small vehicle that travels on water |
| 9. brave ____ | i. a long line of water that flows across the land |

10. together ____ j. a group of people who work together on the same task



B. True or False

1. The Dragon Boat Festival happens every summer in Taiwan. ____
2. The Dragon Boat Festival takes place in winter. ____
3. Dragon boats are shaped like dragons and race down a river. ____
4. Nobody uses drums during the dragon boat race. ____
5. A drummer helps the rowing team move together. ____
6. Every rower on the team must be strong and fast. ____
7. The festival's story is about a brave man who loved his country. ____
8. Nobody watches the dragon boat races in Taiwan. ____
9. Families enjoy spending the festival together. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: race, team, brave, fast, together

1. Every summer, people in Taiwan watch an exciting dragon boat _____.
2. Each boat has a _____ of rowers who work together.
3. The man in the story was very _____ and loved his country.
4. Rowers must row _____ to win the race.
5. Families like to watch the festival _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When does the Dragon Boat Festival happen, and why do people get the day off?
2. What do the drums do during a dragon boat race?
3. What kind of person does the festival's story remember?
4. Where do dragon boat races take place in Taiwan?
5. Why is the Dragon Boat Festival an exciting day for families?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever watched or taken part in a dragon boat race? What was it like?
2. Why do you think the drumbeat is important for a rowing team?
3. What is a festival in your own culture that remembers a brave person from the past?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-race, 2-team, 3-brave, 4-fast, 5-together

D. Comprehension:

1. The Dragon Boat Festival happens every summer, and schools and many workers get the day off so family and friends can watch together.
2. The drums beat loudly so every rower on the team knows when to pull their oars at the same time.
3. The festival's story remembers a brave man who loved his country, and people still remember his story today.
4. Dragon boat races take place on rivers and lakes all over Taiwan, including big races in major cities.
5. The Dragon Boat Festival is exciting because it is a day to be brave, row fast, and enjoy time together as a family.