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Dragons

Teacher's version

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Dragons

The dragon is a creature belonging to the world of mythology, legend and n_____ **fantasy** . We find _____ **stories** _____ about dragons in the Chinese, European and South American _____ **cultures** _____ and many others. They are _____ **associated** _____ with wisdom and long life, and are often said to be more _____ **intelligent** _____ than humans.

In Chinese history, a dragon was the symbol of the emperor and of good luck. The traditional Chinese New Year parade includes a group of people who wind through the streets _____ **wearing** _____ a large dragon costume.

Some dragons are _____ **considered** _____ to be _____ **dangerous** _____, but many other tales have n_____ **majestic** _____ dragons that look for or give help, or interact with the n_____ **characters** _____ in a peaceful way.

Dragons are often drawn to look like dinosaurs and other n **extinct** animals.

Many people believe a dragon:

- is big and impressive
- has up to four legs, claws, scales, spikes on its back, a tail and a long neck
- sometimes has wings and is able to fly
- can quite often breathe fire
- hatches from an egg.

The dragon is the emblem of the capital city of Slovenia and can be spotted in many places, from the licence plates on cars to a bridge which is embellished with four dragons.

There are several lizards that have the name 'dragon', the best known being the Komodo Dragon. These creatures are restricted to a few small islands in Indonesia, where they rule supreme. They can run as fast as a dog for short stretches and have deadly bacteria in their mouths which they use to kill prey.

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