

Celebrations and Events

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Dragon Boat Festival

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Suggested Teaching and Learning

Text Type: Non-Fiction

Genre: Recount

Suggested Reading Recovery Level: 5

Word Count: 80

ACARA F-1 References

Learning Areas: English; Humanities and Social Sciences

General Capabilities: Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

Cross Curriculum Priorities: Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Ensure students know that the boats are very long and dragon like, drummers in each boat help the paddlers keep pace and that the race ends when the flag catcher takes the flag. Have students rehearse the phrases '...faster and faster and faster' and 'Splash...splash...splash'. *UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, return to the phrase faster and faster and repetition of the word splash. Discuss how this language along with the illustrations conveys a sense of excitement. *UnT4, UnT5

Vocabulary: catcher, dragon, drummer, dumplings, festival, splash

High Frequency Words: and, got, had, he, is, played, saw, see, the, this, very, was, we, went, when

Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words dumplings, dragon, drummer and very. Clap each word to hear the syllables. *PhA2
- Locate the words drummer, faster and catcher. Make each word with magnetic letters then break the er off and read the word. Note that the word drummer works differently. *PKW5

*National Literacy Learning Progressions

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Traditional Chinese Festival

It is the

Dragon Boat Festival.

We went to see the

Dragon Boat races.

SAMPLE



We made **rice dumplings**
to take to the races.

SAMPLE



We saw the boats.

The boats were very,
very long.

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Glossary



flag catcher



rice dumplings

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Dragon Boat Festival is an informational text that recounts watching the traditional Dragon Boat race during this famous Chinese festival. With colourful illustrations that evoke the excitement and movement of the race, Dragon Boat Festival will capture and sustain the interest of the young reader.

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