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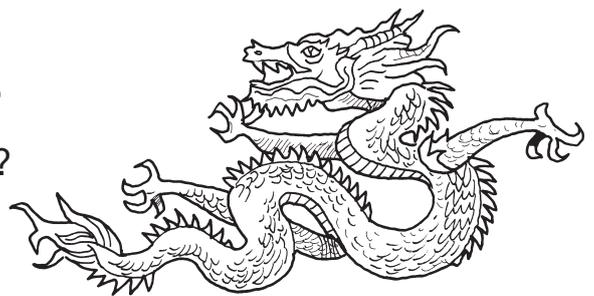
In many films dragons are ugly, they kill people and they're horrible. In China, people think that dragons are nice. Did you know that the dragon is one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac? If you are born in the Year of the Dragon, you will have money and good luck.

Dragons are long creatures with scales,

wings and claws. Not all dragons were the same. The king's dragon had five claws. Important people had a dragon with four claws but poor people's dragons only had three claws.

You can find dragons everywhere in China, for example on the top of old buildings.

- 1 Could Chinese dragons fly?
- 2 How many children did Chinese dragons have?
- 3 When do people do a Dragon Dance in China?



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There are many myths about dragons in China. People believed that dragons could control the water and the weather. They could fly in the clouds or hide in water and they could bring rain.

Another famous myth about Chinese dragons is that there were nine types of dragon and that dragons had nine

children. There are many place names in China with the word 'dragon' (for example, 'Kowloon' means 'Nine Dragons'). In China 9 is a lucky number because it is the biggest single number.

Many Chinese people don't believe in dragons today, but they often celebrate the Chinese New Year with a Dragon Dance.

- 1 Are Chinese dragons nice or horrible?
- 2 What happens if you are born in the Year of the Dragon?
- 3 How many claws did dragons have?

