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English Writing

# Spelling Test

## *Dragons*

### Teacher's version

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The dragon is a creature belonging to the world of mythology, legend and **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 **majestic** dragons that look for or give help, or interact with the **characters** in a peaceful way.

Dragons are often drawn to look like dinosaurs and other  
          **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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