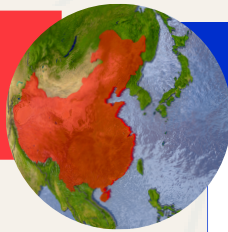


## Draw a Chinese Dragon



## Global Links



Dragons are an important part of Chinese culture. They are linked to Chinese holidays and festivals such as Chinese New Year, Lantern Festival and Dragon Boat Festival. They are also tied to the Chinese Emperor, as they are seen as an auspicious and heavenly symbol. Traditionally, the Chinese Emperor is the only person allowed to wear or display the symbol of the dragon.

Dragons in China are seen as lucky and are linked to the Chinese Emperor, however, in the West, dragons are seen as evil and cunning beasts, needing to be defeated due to their ability to wreck havoc. These two different perceptions of the same creature show us how cultural lens can differ on the same idea or object.

Mythical beasts have existed in all cultures of the world, whether it is the Loch Ness Monster of Scotland, Minotaur of Ancient Greece or the universal Mermaid.



## Vocabulary

long (adj)



zhǎng  
长

dragon (n)



lóng  
龙

lucky (adj)



fú  
福

Curriculum Links

Art



## Equipment

- Colouring pens/felts
- Paper

[What do Chinese Dragons Symbolise?](#)



[Hello China - Dragon](#)



## Explore!

Mythical creatures exist in all cultures. Which creatures do students know and which cultures do they come from? Can students find out some mythical creatures from their country's indigenous culture?

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## Method

1



Watch one or both of the videos about Chinese dragons in the Equipment section. Discuss what students know about them and elicit what they look like. Show some images of a Chinese dragon (source from a free image site)

2



Ask students how they would describe a Chinese dragon to someone who has never seen one before and wants to draw one. List the different animal body parts (see below) on the board for them to compare to the Chinese dragon images.

3



Ask students to draw a Chinese dragon and label the different body parts from the list you've provided e.g. neck of a snake. They may also write a short description about Chinese dragons under their image. Display them for others to learn more about Chinese dragons.

Chinese people believe a Chinese dragon is made up of many different animal parts:

- Head - camel or horse
- Neck - snake
- Horns - stag
- Ears - cow/bull
- Eyes - rabbit
- Scales - fish (Carp)
- Claws - eagle
- Feet - tiger

