

Bronze - You have 60 seconds to read the text. Then 5 minutes to answer the questions. Check your answers to see how you have got on.

The Dragon-Kings: A Chinese Myth

Quick Questions



1. Find and copy an adjective used to describe the dragon-kings' armour.



2. Which two things do dragon-kings feed on?



3. Do you think dragon-kings are loved or feared? Explain your choice.



4. Give one way in which the dragon-kings are similar to another creature you know.

8 The dragon-kings live in gorgeous palaces in the
18 depths of the sea, where they feed on pearls and
27 opals. There are five of these divine creatures; the
39 chief is in the centre and the other four live in the
47 north, the west, the south and the east.

56 Each is incredibly long and so bulky that they
63 throw one mountain against another when they
72 move. Each creature has five feet (one of them
83 being in the middle of its belly) and each foot is
92 armed with five sharp claws. They can reach into
99 the heavens and stretch themselves into all
108 quarters of the sea. They have a glowing armour
117 of yellow scales, a beard under their long snout,
123 a hairy tail and fluffy legs.

Silver/Gold - You have 60 seconds to read the text. Then 5 minutes to answer the questions. Check your answers to see how you have got on.

The Legend of The Chinese Giants

12 In the Country of the Giants, the people are fifty feet in
22 height and their footprints are six feet in length. Their
33 teeth are like those of a saw and their fingernails are
43 hooked claws. Their eyebrows are of such length as to
54 protrude from the front of the carts in which they ride
63 and their bodies are covered with long black hair
73 resembling that of the bear. They live to the advanced
81 age of eighteen thousand years. Their country extends
89 some thousands of miles along certain mountain ranges
98 in north-eastern Asia. They have strong iron gates, easy
107 to close but difficult to open; hence, though their
115 neighbours maintain large armies, they have so far
118 never been conquered.



Quick Questions



1. Where is the country of the Giants?



2. Find a word which means the same as 'to stick out'.



3. How does the author make it clear that the giants live for a long time?



4. Will the giants ever be defeated?
Why do you think this?
