

The text:

Dragon Boat Festival



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Zongzi has been the traditional food of this festival since the death of Qu Yuan, a royal official. Zongzi are like tamales of glutinous rice. The story says that Qu had to escape from the royal palace, and was killed one day near a lake. People admired Qu so much that they decided to look for his body in the lake; and to avoid fish eating the corpse, people started

throwing rice balls to the lake. Since then, Zongzi has become a tradition. (§ 2)

How about the dragon boats? They are a way to represent the Chinese mythology. People design their own dragon boats and make teams to compete and see which is the fastest boat. The teams are guided by someone playing a drum, who will guide the rhythm in which the players row. My friend Pier has gone to this festival for 10 years. Also, since 2018, he has been able to participate in the dragon boat competition. At first, he wasn't very good, but he has been practicing a lot, maybe he and his team will win this year. (§ 3)



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A) Reading Comprehension (09 pts)

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- 1- Qu Yuan is the name of the festival.
- 2- Zongzi traditional food is made by rice and fish.
- 3- The festival has been celebrated since the Zhou dynasty.
- 4- People design their own boats.

Task Two (03 pts): I read the text and answer the following questions:

1. Have you ever heard of the festival of the dragon boat?
2. Since when Zongzi has been the traditional food of this festival?
3. Was Qu Yuan killed near a lake?

Task Three (02 pts): I match the words (a-d) from the text with their meanings (1-4).

Words	Meaning
a- popular	1- a series of music, plays, films, etc., usually organized in the same place once a year.
b- festival	2- liked or enjoyed by a large number of people.
c- lake	3- a group of people who play a particular game or sport against another group of people.
d- team	4- a large area of water that is surrounded by land.

B) Mastery of Language (11 pts)

Task One (03 pts): I reorder the following words to get coherent sentences.

1. ever / Festival / the Dragon / Have / of / ? / you / Boat / heard
2. never / have / . / seen / I / a festival

Task Two: (05 pts) I write the verbs between brackets in the present perfect.

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- 1. **Yes, I have/ No, I haven't**
- 2. **It has been the traditional food of this festival since the death of Qu Yuan.**
- 3. **Yes, he was.**

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