

How to Train Your Dragon: Chapter Two

Activity 1

Read Chapter 2 of 'How to Train Your Dragon,' by Cressida Cowell. You can listen to the text here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWOSp8wpUUk>. Once you have completed Chapter 2, answer the questions below in order to check your understanding.

- 1) **What is the name of Hiccup's arch rival?**
 - a. Stoick the Vast
 - b. Snotlout
 - c. Fishlegs

- 2) **Which of the following best describe Hiccup?**
 - a. Skinny, small, unremarkable
 - b. Strong, tall, muscular
 - c. Impressive, manly, a natural leader

- 3) **What do the boys have to do in order to reach the dragon nursery?**
 - a. Climb a dangerous cliff
 - b. Travel for days on horseback
 - c. Sail across a tempestuous sea

- 4) **The adjective 'perilous' means:**
 - a. Very exciting
 - b. Very dangerous
 - c. Very easy

- 5) **What type of dragon did most of the boys go for?**
 - a. A Monstrous Nightmare
 - b. A Basic Brown
 - c. A Gronckle

- 6) **What happens to dragons deep in sleep?**
 - a. They get colder
 - b. They get hotter
 - c. They turn to stone

- 7) **Who is the last boy to try and catch a dragon?**
 - a. Hiccup
 - b. Fishlegs
 - c. Snotlout

- 8) **Who wakes the sleeping dragons with four loud sneezes?**
 - a. Fishlegs
 - b. Hiccup
 - c. Snotlout

9) How do the boys escape the angry dragons?

- a. They run away and jump into the sea
- b. They stand their ground and fight them off with swords
- c. They hide in the cave

Activity 2

1. Design your own dragon using bright colours.
2. Think of a terrifying name for your magical beast and label interesting features.
3. Compose a description for your dragon using descriptive adjectives and complete sentences.
4. Create statistics for your dragon similar to the categories used in the novel (see p36).

Stretch & Challenge:

Myths and legends can be found in early civilisations from across the globe. For example: The Epic of Gilgamesh from Ancient Mesopotamia (what is modern-day Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey and Syria) or The Anansi Stories (from the Ashanti people of West Africa). The dragon was an important symbol in Chinese Mythology. Use the web link below to read more about Ancient Chinese Mythology. Take the quiz at the bottom of the page to check your understanding.

https://www.ducksters.com/history/china/chinese_mythology.php