

# The Dragon-Kings: A Chinese Myth

## Quick Questions



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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.

# The Dragon-Kings: A Chinese Myth **Answers**

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

**Accept: glowing; yellow**

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

**Accept: pearls; opals**

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

**Accept either answer providing that an explanation is given, e.g. 'I think they are feared because they are armed with sharp claws.'**

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

**Accept answers which compare any aspect of the dragon-kings to another real or mythical creature, e.g. 'The dragon-kings are like a werewolf because they have sharp claws and hairy legs.'**