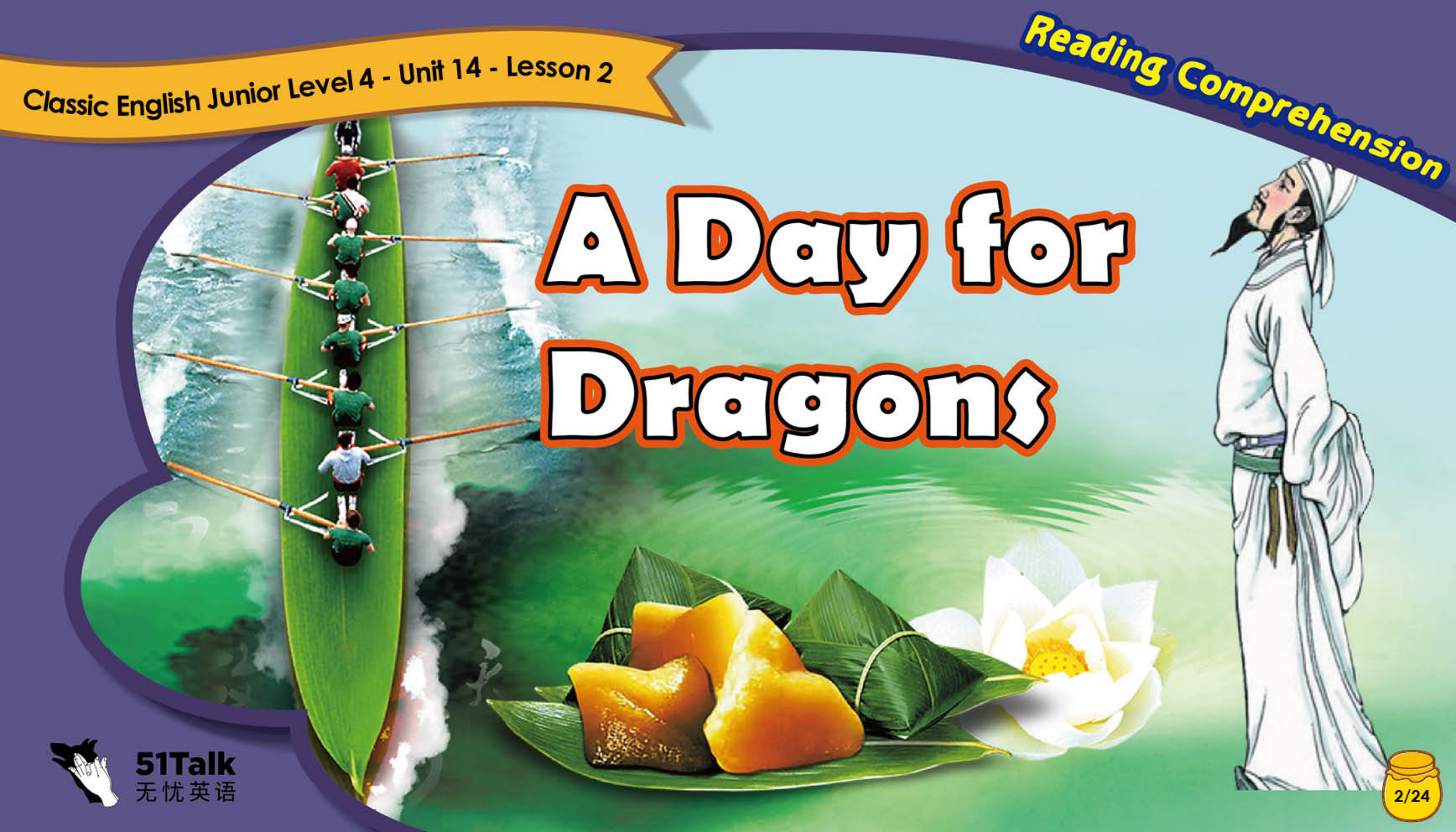




Are You Ready?

Listen to me. → → Eyes on me. ← ←





A Day for Dragons



You are going to learn:



Topic: Festivals & holidays — A day for dragons



Words: festival, poet, rower, bamboo



Grammar: Phrasal verb (stand up)

Warm-up



I have a tail, but I'm not a mouse.
I have scales, but I'm not a fish.
I have wings, but I'm not an
airplane.
I have fire coming out of my mouth,
but I'm not a flame thrower.



What am I ?

Let's prepare!



Vocabulary

The Dragon Boat Festival is one of China's most famous festivals.



fes · ti · val



What are some other famous festivals in China?

Vocabulary

Li Bai is a famous
poet in China.

po·et



What does a poet do?

- ☐ Write poems.
- ☐ Write songs.

Vocabulary

The **rowers** row really fast on the river.

row·er



What do rowers do?

Vocabulary

Pandas love
bamboo leaves!

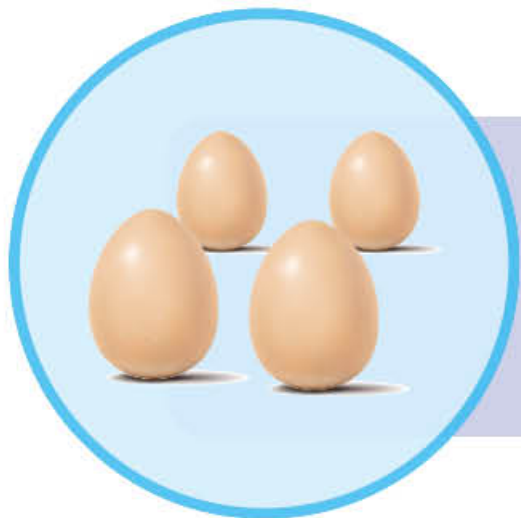
bam·boo



Which picture
shows bamboo?



Grammar



Make an egg **stand up** at exactly 12 noon and you will have good luck for a whole year!



At the back, one person...
to steer the boat.



Cindy...

Let's read!



The Dragon Boat **Festival** is one of China's most famous festivals. It is a national holiday that is celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar. Each year, people celebrate by watching dragon boat races and eating zongzi (rice balls).



How do people celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival?

The festival dates back to over 2,000 years ago, when the famous **poet** Qu Yuan jumped into the Miluo River. The local people raced out in boats to save him, but it was too late. So they dropped balls of rice to stop the fish from eating his body.



What did the local people do to help Qu Yuan?

Dragon boats seat 10 or more people and are shaped like long dragons. At the front of the boat, there is a drummer to help make the **rowers** row faster. At the back, one person **stands up** to steer the boat. It is said that the winners will receive good luck for a whole year!

Grammar

Phrasal verb: stand up

“Stand up” means “to rise to one’s feet”.

e.g. He **stands up** and gets the book on the shelf.



On a dragon boat, what does the person at the back do?

The rice snack is called zongzi. It is made by mixing rice with things like beans, berries or meat. Then the rice is wrapped in **bamboo** leaves and steamed. People also sometimes drink a special wine called “Realgar Wine”.



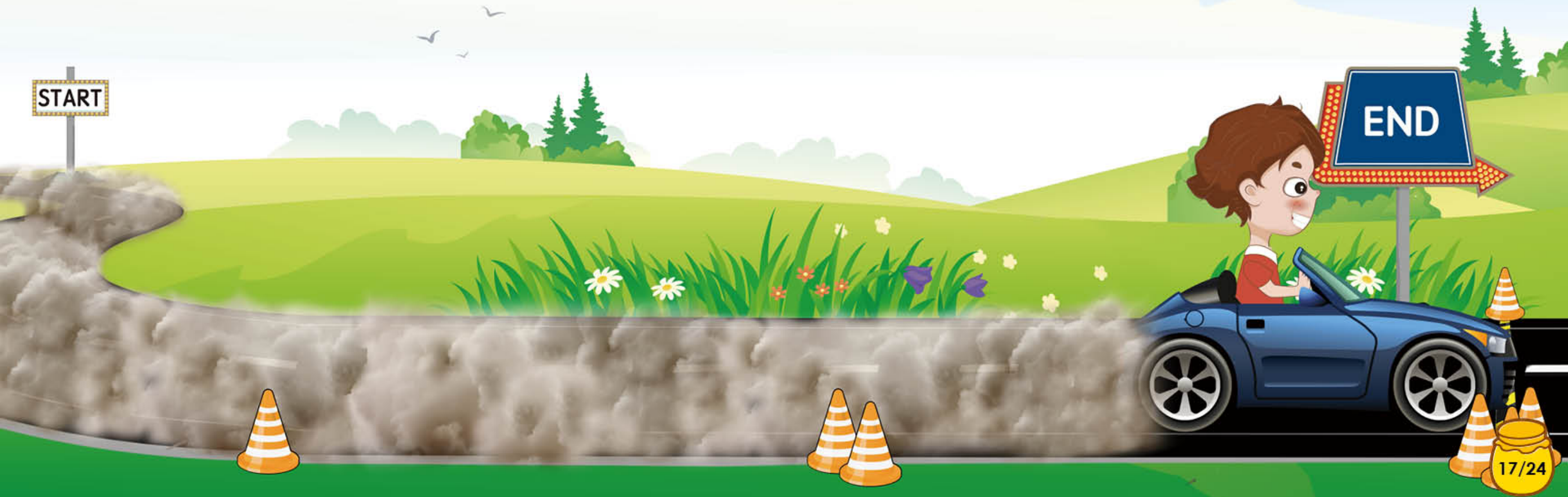
How are zongzi made?

The Dragon Boat Festival is always lots of fun for everyone. Even if you can't see a race, you could try some zongzi, or try to make some at home. There is also another tradition that anyone can try. Make an egg stand up at exactly 12 noon and you will have good luck for a whole year!



What can you do at exactly 12 noon to bring you good luck?

Let's practice!



Activity

Complete the passages and answer the question.

- 1 The Dragon Boat F_____ celebrates the memory of the famous p_____ Qu Yuan.



- 2 Each year, people celebrate it by watching d_____ boat races and eating zongzi.



- 3 The r_____ must row very fast to win the race.

- 4 When making zongzi, the rice is wrapped in b_____ leaves.



What is the Dragon Boat Festival about?

Activity

Circle the right answers.

Let's catch the fish that do not know the traditions of the Dragon Boat Festival!



watch
dragon
boat races



eat
dumplings



make an egg
stand up at
12 noon



eat
rice balls



drink a
special wine



watch
fireworks



Activity

Read the phrases and complete the sentences.



Let's put the zongzi on the right plates!



good luck



shaped like
long dragons




the rowers



stands up


1

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3

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4

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Writing Preparation

Prepare for your writing by answering the question.



Let's talk!

What are the traditions for celebrating the Dragon Boat Festival?



Hints: dragon boat race rice balls
egg stand up

Writing Project

Write a passage about the traditions for celebrating the Dragon Boat Festival.



Hints: dragon boat race rice balls
egg stand up

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SEE YOU SOON!



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TALK

