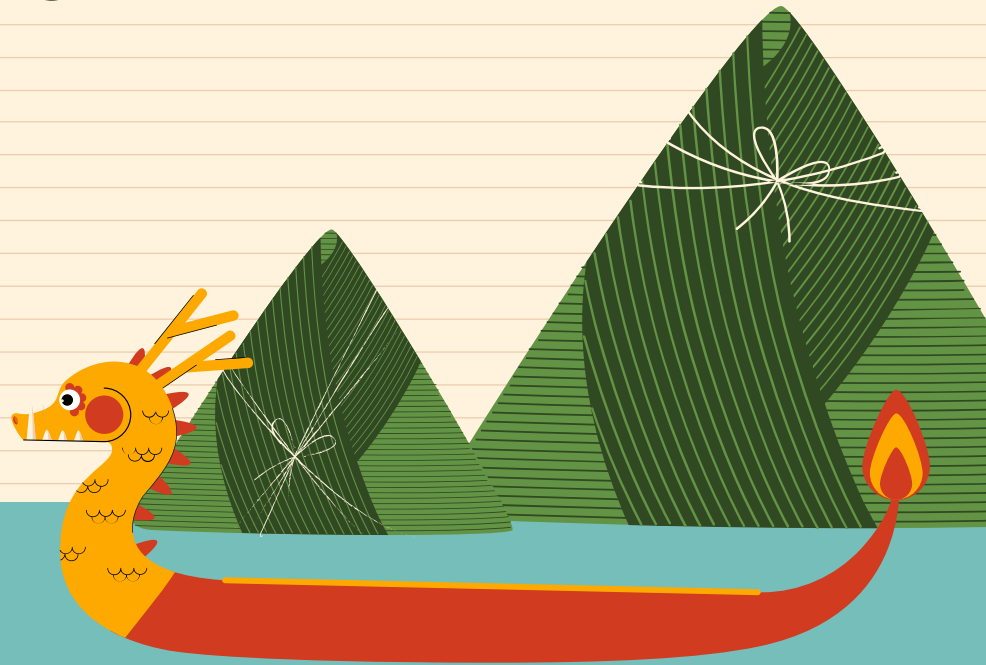


# Tuen Ng (The Dragon Boat races)

Chinese Dragon Boat Festival

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# Poetry techniques

## Onomatopoeia

Is when a word sounds like the sound it describe, like the buzz of a bee.

## Alliteration

Is when you use the same sound at the beginning of several words in a line: a fantastic fun-filled festival.

## Simile

Shows the similarity of one thing to another using the words *like or as*: she ran *like* the wind

## Personification

Means talking about a thing as if it were a person: the wind whistled through the trees.





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The air is hushed  
round waiting boats;  
water still before the race.



personification

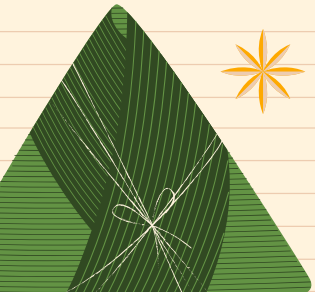
**Slowly paddles lift**  
**above the dragon-prows**  
**like giant wing-bones**  
**from a waking beast,**  
**stretching into space...**



Simile: the poetess compares  
the paddles lift above the  
dragon-prows to a giant wing-  
bones from a waking beast  
stretching into space.

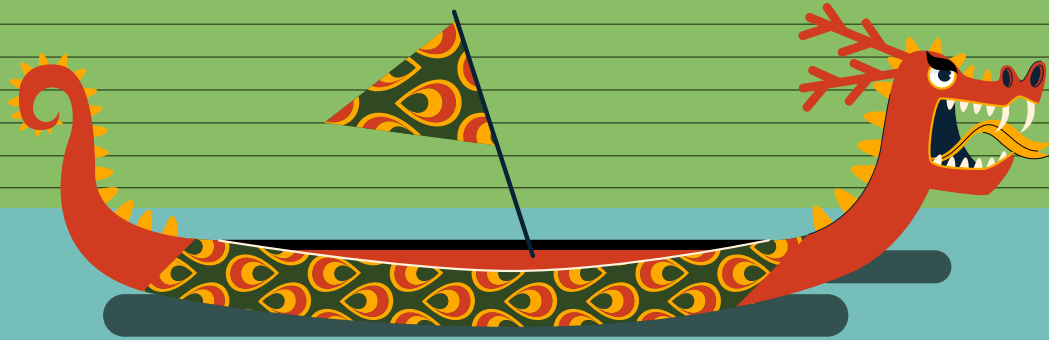


❖ Before the race begins



And then...  
they're off!  
Away!

❖ The race has started





Simile: the poetess compares the surface of the river to something that can be sliced.

Fish scatter in dismay →

Personification

← as dragon-racers slice the surface

wings dip, whip water into waves;

→ Alliteration

waves rise like flames, →

→ Simile: waves are compared to flames.

set light by the sun.



Above, the flags tug at their fetters,

Personification

And all around,

like (pumping, thumping) dragon hearts,

the pounding gongs,  
the beating drum.

Thumping= onomatopoeia  
The word thump sounds like the action of thumping something

Rhyme

The sound of the pounding gongs and beating drum is compared to the pumping, thumping dragon hearts.



## Chinese New Year Dragon

there's brightly coloured dragon swaying down the **street**,  
stomping and stamping and kicking his **feet**.

There's a multicoloured dragon – green, gold and **red**-  
twisting and twirling and shaking its **head**.

There's a silky-scaled dragon parading through the **town**.  
Swishing and swooshing and rippling up and **down**.

There's swirling, whirling dragon, weaving to and **fro**,  
prancing and dancing and putting on a **show**.

There's cheering and clapping as the dragon draws **near**-  
A sign of good luck and a happy new **year**!

