

The Dragon Kings

A Chinese Myth

9 The Dragon Kings live in gorgeous palaces in the
19 depths of the sea, where they feed on pearls and
28 opals. There are five of these divine creatures; the
39 chief is in the centre and the other four live in
48 the north, the west, the south and the east.
57 Each is incredibly long and so bulky that they
64 throw one mountain against another when they
73 move. Each creature has five feet (one of them
84 being in the middle of its belly) and each foot is
93 armed with five sharp claws. They can reach into
100 the heavens and stretch themselves into all
109 quarters of the sea. They have a glowing armour
118 of yellow scales, a beard under their long snout,
124 a hairy tail and fluffy legs.

Questions

1. Find and copy an adjective used to describe the Dragon Kings' armour.

2. Which **two** things do the Dragon Kings feed on?

3. Do you think the Dragon Kings are loved or feared? Explain your choice.

4. Compare one way in which the Dragon Kings are similar to another creature you know.

