

The Dragon Dance





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *Do you recognise anyone in the dragon costume?*
- Explain that the dragon dance is part of Chinese New Year celebrations.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

went it's children dragon
fair long never town upset

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

said do come
were what helped
made oh body
careful don't
people tore



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Mrs May made a dragon. The children helped her.



Mrs May painted the head.



The children painted the body.



The dragon had a long body. The children liked the dragon.



They wanted to do the dragon dance.



The children got inside the body. Mrs May helped them.



“It’s made of paper,”
said Mrs May. “Be careful.”



Anneena was inside the head.



“Be careful,” said Mrs May. “Don’t tear the paper.”



The mums and dads came.



The children did the dragon dance.
“What a good dragon,” said
everyone.



Oh no! The dragon dance went wrong.



The dragon tore in half.



The children were upset.



“Never mind,” said Mrs May. “It was only made of paper.”



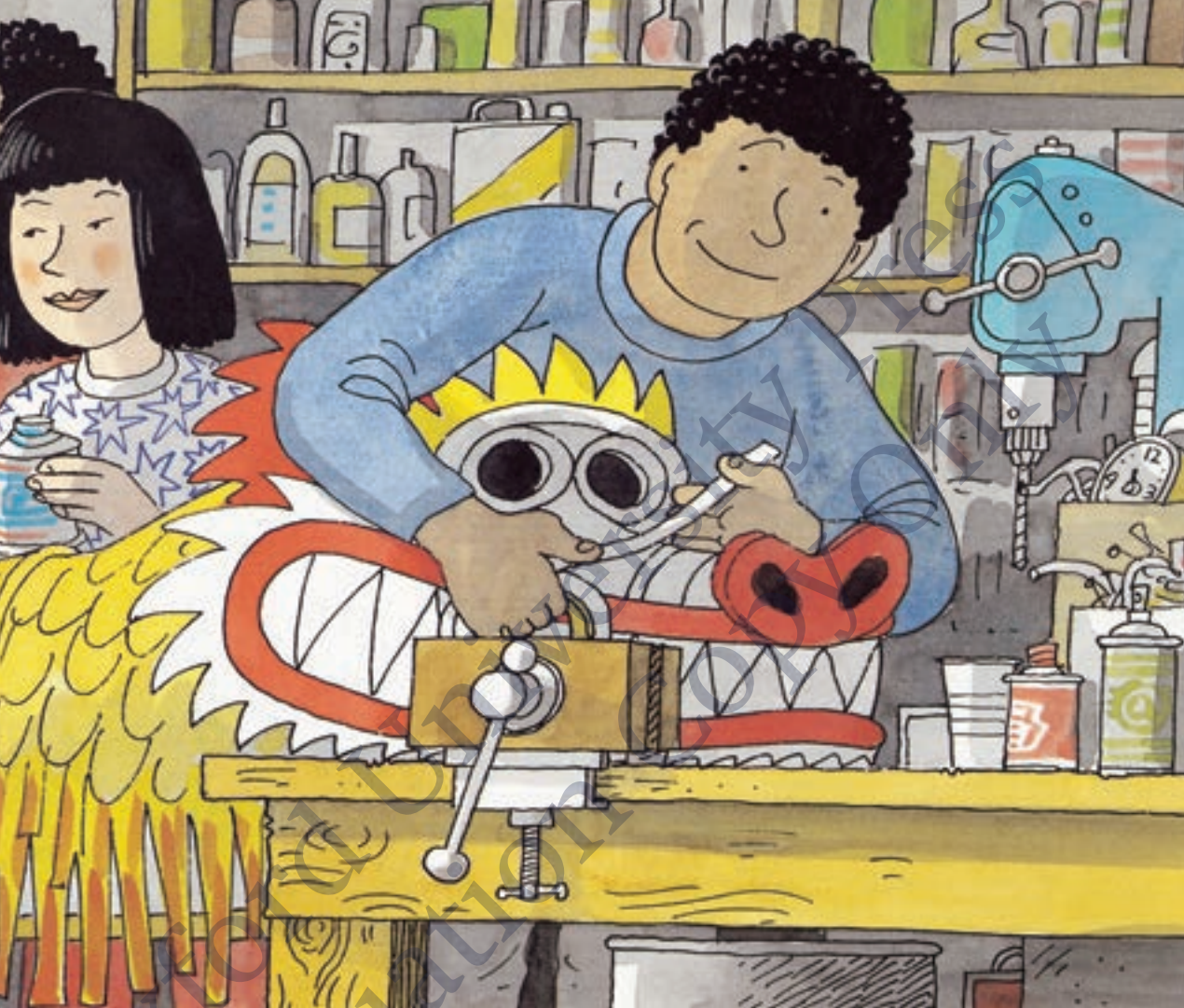
Anneena's mum had an idea. She told the mums and dads.



“What a good idea,” they said.



The mums and dads made a dragon. They made a long body.



They made a big head.



The dragon looked wonderful.



The children were pleased. They wanted to do the dragon dance.



The children went into town. They did the dragon dance.



“Come to the school fair,”
said Chip.



“What a lot of people,” said Mrs May. “Thanks to the dragon.”

AFTER READING

- Turn to page 24 and ask: *Why did Mrs May thank the dragon for all the people at the fair?*
- Ask: *Which dragon do you think is better, the children's or the adults'? Why?*
- Ask your child to re-tell the story to you.

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