

Dragon New Year

It was the New Year.
Granddaughter was afraid of the fireworks.
They were bright and noisy.
Grandmother told the girl a story.



Long ago the New Year was a quiet time in the village. (B.)
Nobody was there.
All the people left the village.
They were afraid of the Dragon of the Sea.



But this year one man was at sea. (C.)
He was a fisherman.
He had many fish in his boat.
He could not get his heavy boat back to shore.



Suddenly the Dragon of the Sea jumped up. (D.)
He quickly ate the fisherman, his boat, and the fish.
The young man's mother saw from the shore.
She cried and cried.



The next year the sad mother did not leave the village. (E.)
That night a poor traveller came to her door.
He asked for food.
He said he would protect her from the dragon.



They went outside.
The man made a big fire.
The woman prepared the meal.
Her chopping and pounding were very loud.



(F.)

Soon the Dragon of the Sea came.
He was surprised and afraid of the fire and the noise.
The fire was the spirit of the fisherman.
He threw the dragon into the sea.

(G.)



The mother told all the people the story. (H.)
And today you can see the fire and hear the noise.
And Dragon comes to dance - and to bring good luck, not bad.



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1. Why was the granddaughter afraid? _____

2. Why did the people leave the village? _____

3. Who was in a boat? _____

4. Why could he not get back to shore? _____

5. Who ate the fisherman? _____

6. Who cried? _____

7. What did the traveller say? _____

8. What did the man make? _____

9. What did the woman prepare? _____

10. What was the fire? _____

11. What happened to the dragon? _____

12. What does the dragon bring today? _____
