





- Magical dragons are *mythical* creatures.
- In ancient China, people believed that dragons were real and powerful.
- The dragon was the sign of the emperors.

Over time, **"The Dragon"** became a nickname for China.





Dragons were thought to be wise, caring, and a bit mischievous.

They did *not* breathe fire.
They had personalities.
They had magical powers.
They could appear and disappear



•Turn into beasts if they were angry.

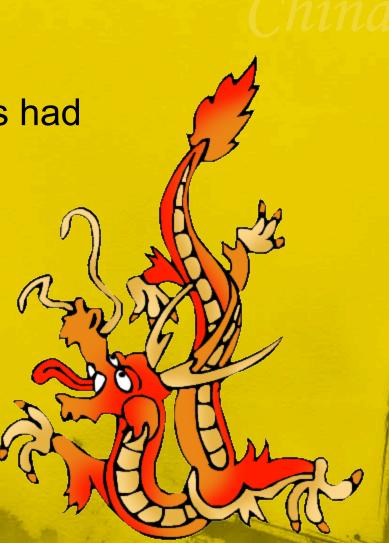
Ancient China

Dragons in ancient China were *a mix* of parts from different animals....



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These mythical creatures had a camel head, a snake neck, fish scales, eagle claws, tiger paws, ox ears, deer horns, and whiskers.



Ancient China

Their job in ancient China was to act as guardians...♪







Types of Dragons

- Wood Dragon
- Earth Dragon
- Water Dragon
  - Fire Dragon
- Metal Dragon

## Wood Dragons

Legend says .... Wood dragons are brown.

They guard the forest.
They are imaginative and curious
They are not as selfish as the other dragons. They share well.

Fire Dragons

Legend says .... Fire dragons are red.

•They guard the wind, fire, lightning and sky.

•These dragons are the most outgoing and short-tempered.

### Earth Dragons

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#### Legend says ... Earth dragons are green.

They guard the earth, the crops, and the mountains.
They know the value of cooperation.

# Metal Dragons

Legend says .... Metal dragons are gold.

- •They guard metals and precious gems.
- •They refuse to accept failure.
- •They have little care for the feeling of others.
- •These dragons are quite selfish.

Water Dragons

#### Legend says .... Water dragons are blue.

- •They guard rivers, rain, wells, and water.
- They get along well with people.
  They know how to accept defeat and how to rebuild.





Dragons were an important part of ancient Chinese daily life....

•They were blamed for a great deal that went wrong, and credited with things that went right.