

A Dragon Parade Commentary

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16 you can see the fantastic Chinese New Year celebrations.
25 People from all over the region (in their thousands)
35 have arrived to enjoy this spectacle. As you can see,
43 the buildings and streets are adorned with beautiful
52 decorations, such as red and gold lanterns, banners and
53 paintings.

63 Behind me is the eagerly awaited arrival of the revered
72 dragon, which is an astounding 55 metres long this
82 year. It has already snaked its way along the streets
89 of Manchester, accompanied by lion and ribbon
92 dancers. Traditional Chinese
97 street food, live music and
100 acrobatics are being
103 enjoyed by many
106 as they celebrate
109 this festival of
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Questions



1. Where is the commentary being broadcast from?



2. What do you think the word **astounding** means?



3. What effect do you think the author intended by using the phrase **eagerly awaited arrival**?

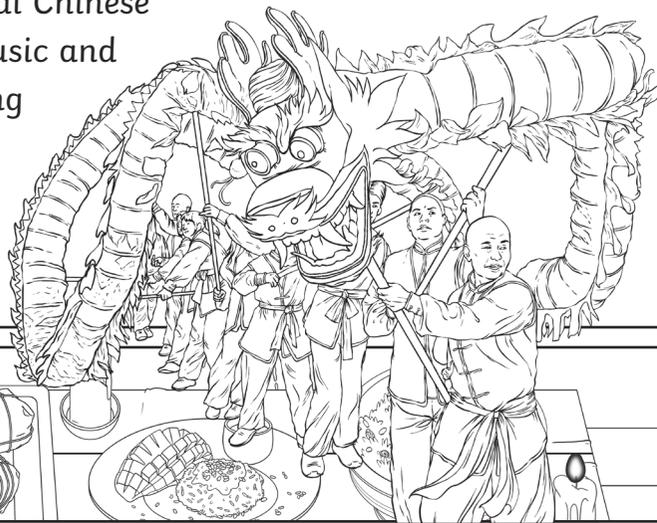


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Answers



1. Where is the commentary being broadcast from?
The commentary is being broadcast from Chinatown in Manchester.



2. What do you think the word **astounding** means?
Astounding means it is so surprising that is hard to believe that it is true.



3. What effect do you think the author intended by using the phrase **eagerly awaited arrival**?
Pupils' own responses, such as: With the phrase 'eagerly awaited arrival', the author wanted to emphasise that it is an exciting event that the spectators have been looking forward to.



4. Who do you think is the intended audience for this text? Explain your answer.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the audience is people who are watching the report on the television as the reporter commentates on the sights and sounds.