

# The dragon's tale

**LINKS TO:**

Stage 3, Module 5

 Learning Object 2: *Kate's adventures*

## Exercise 1

Answers:

**1.1 Siapa nama naga dalam cerita ini?**

Naga dalam cerita ini bernama Baruklinting.

**1.2 Di mana cerita ini terjadi?**

Cerita ini terjadi di Jawa Tengah.

**1.3 Apa yang sedang dilakukan oleh naga itu?**

Naga itu sedang bersemedi.

**1.4 Apa yang dilakukan anak-anak gembala? Mengapa?**

Anak-anak gembala berlarian mencari tempat berteduh, karena waktu itu turun hujan deras.

**1.5 Siapa Samin?**

Samin adalah salah seorang dari kesepuluh anak gembala itu. Dia adalah anak yang menemukan gua untuk tempat mereka berteduh.

**1.6 Apa yang terjadi dengan Samin?**

Waktu anak gembala yang lainnya melihat gua itu, mereka cepat-cepat masuk dan mendorong Samin keluar dari gua. Waktu mulut gua tiba-tiba tertutup, Samin tertinggal di luar gua dan tidak mengerti apa yang terjadi.

**1.7 Apa yang kemudian dilakukan Samin?**

Samin kemudian berlari ke desa dan menceritakan kepada orang-orang di desa apa yang baru saja terjadi.

**1.8 Apa nama baru yang diberikan kepada desa itu? Mengapa?**

Nama baru yang diberikan kepada desa itu adalah 'Kesongo' yang artinya 'sembilan'. Nama ini diberikan untuk menggambarkan kesembilan anak gembala yang dilahap oleh Baruklinting.

## Exercise 2

Answers:

**2.1 How are dragons portrayed in this Indonesian story?**

The dragon in this Indonesian story is not shown hunting or attacking the children, but he is not benevolent either, because in the end he swallows them. I believe the story is trying to show that the dragon will not harm the children if he is left alone. He ate the children because he was annoyed at being disturbed.

**2.2 Is there a moral to this story? If so, what is it?**

I think the moral to the story is that you should always consider carefully before doing something or going somewhere that is not familiar. I also think the story demonstrates that putting yourself first can have unfortunate consequences.

**2.3 How is the dragon in the Indonesian story in this work sheet similar to or different from the dragons you are used to reading about?**

I don't know if the dragon in this story can fly, breathe fire or has magical abilities, like some dragons I have read about. However, like most other dragons, this one is solitary: he meditates on his own and has been doing so for a long time. Other dragons I have read about are depicted as both good and evil. The dragon in this Indonesian story is not depicted as evil; he does not actively hunt people or attack and destroy property, though he kills the shepherd boys when he is disturbed. Like other dragons, he is presented as large and powerful: his mouth opens like a cave and he can swallow nine children at once, so he must be very big. Because of his great size and hunger, the villagers respect and maybe even fear him.