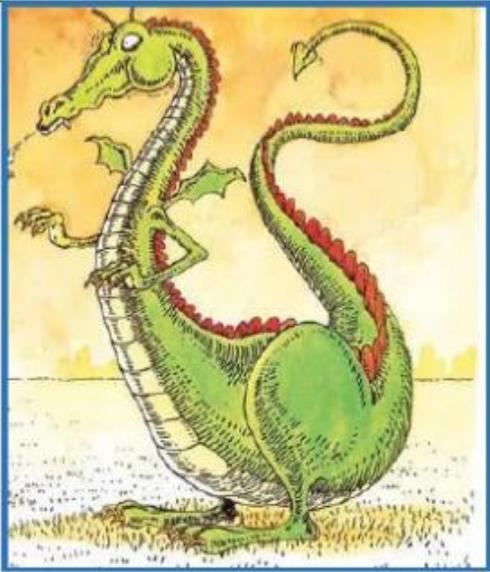


Different Types of Dragons



Japanese Plated Dragon

This small Japanese Dragon is known as 'plated' due to the large flat scales down its tummy which look a bit like a series of 'plates'. The size of a horse, this dragon looks almost cute. But do not be fooled! Its main diet is people, and it particularly likes to eat old ladies or men! No wonder the Japanese stay well away from it!



Greedy Dragon

Greedy dragon likes to eat massive animals. Their very favourite foods are tigers and lions, but it won't turn its nose up at elephants or hippos. Greedy dragon does not like eating giraffes because their necks are too bony. The food it really hates is fish. "The smell is disgusting!" they say. But don't be fooled. Greedy dragon is more than happy to eat people!



Golden-horned Dragon

Golden-horned dragons have can be found in mountainous regions throughout the world. This dragon has a series of golden spikes or horns down its back, starting on its forehead. It has a large mouth with a jaw that, like that of a boa-constrictor, can dislocate to open really wide. This dragon likes to eat its food whole, and since it lives on mountain deer and goats, it has to be able to make that mouth as big as possible!



Portly Dragon

This dragon's name comes from the fact that, once it is six months old, it puts on a ring of fat around its belly which is with it for the rest of its life. Deep red in colour, Portly Dragon can live for several months without eating. Like the camel, it stores energy in its 'hump', the ring of fat around its middle. When it does get hungry, it is an efficient hunter, and catches small animals such as shrews and mice. Its favourite food is rats – the larger and smellier, the better!



Puffing Dragon

This little dragon is only the size of a large eagle. It flies most of the time and doesn't really like to land, except in the top of trees. As it flies, it puffs out little clouds of smoke from its fiery nostrils. But these float gently up through the air behind it, and rarely set light to anything. Occasionally in winter, this dragon swoops down to catch rabbits, and eats them semi cooked as they pass through its hot mouth. But mostly it lives on birds which it catches on the wing.



European Dragon

This emerald-green, flying dragon is now extremely rare. Once common in the mountains of Scotland and Scandinavia, it is now only seen around Easter, when it comes south with the reindeer to breed. A protected species, it is a herbivore, and lives on just one particular species of fir tree. Occasionally, if food is scarce, it will also eat heather.