

The Boat Trip

Pat, Nick, Alice and John are classmates. When they are doing their English homework, they see a picture of a dragon boat and get excited about watching a dragon boat race. Since it is near Dragon Boat Festival, they decide to go on a boat trip where they might see some teams practising. During their boat trip, they go to the front of the boat. John falls into the water. A dragon boat team rescues him. They all end up going for a ride in a dragon boat.

Characters:

Pat, Nick, Alice and John are good friends. Pat and Nick are both sporty and like outdoor activities. They are also very good in class and like to help their teachers. Alice is not good at sport but she likes watching it. John is not good at sport, either. He likes fishing and rowing boats.

Pat - She is sporty and good in class. She likes outdoor activities. Her best friend is Alice.

Alice - She is quiet. She is not good at sport, but she likes watching it. Her best friend is Pat.

Nick - He is a leader. He is sporty and good in class. He likes to help teachers. John is his best friend.

John - He gets excited easily. His best friend is Nick. Unlike Nick, he is not good at sport. He cannot swim but he likes fishing and rowing boats.

Dragon Boat Team Leader - He is strong, helpful and kind. He is good at sport, especially water sport.



Scene 1
(In the covered playground)

(Pat, Alice, Nick and John are sitting at a table in the school's covered playground. They are doing their English homework.)

Nick: Wow! Look at this picture of a dragon boat. *(Pointing at the picture excitedly)* Cool!

Pat: Yeah, it's very nice! I want to join a dragon boat team someday. I want to paddle the boat quickly and win the race.

John: I want to join a dragon boat team too. I want to beat the drum fast and loud.

Alice: I don't want to do anything like that! I just want to watch the dragon boat race and cheer very loudly! Yeah! Go! Go! Go!

Pat, John and Nick: OK, OK, we can hear you clearly!

Nick: I have an idea! Dragon Boat Festival is coming soon. Let's go on a boat trip to Sai Kung. Maybe we can see some dragon boat teams practising.

Pat, John and Alice: Yeah, that's a great idea!

Scene 2
(At the boat pier early in the morning)

(Pat, Alice, Nick and John meet at the pier in Sai Kung early in the morning to go on their boat trip that day.)

Nick: Good morning, Pat. Good morning, Alice. Where's John?

Pat: I don't know.

Alice: Look! He's over there. He's fishing!



Nick: He's always fishing!

Nick, Pat and Alice: John! Hurry up! You're late!

John: OK, OK! Just a minute! I think I've got a big one!

Nick: John! Just hurry up! You've never caught a big one! We've got to plan our boat trip immediately. Come over here now!

(John quickly puts away his fishing gear and joins the others.)

Nick: Glad you can join us, John! OK, now that you're here, which boat shall we catch?

Pat: It's a quarter to nine now. Let's catch the 9:00 boat to Hap Mun Bay.

Nick: That's a good idea. Which boat shall we return on?

Alice: Let's catch the 3:30 boat. Then we'll have time to have something to eat before we go home.

Nick: That's a good idea. What do you think, John?

John: Yeah, it's a good plan. Let's go! I can go fishing tooooo!

Pat, John and Alice: Johnnnnn!

Scene 3 (On the boat)

(Pat, Alice, Nick and John are out on the deck of the boat. They are watching the dragon boat teams practising.)

Pat: Wow! Look at all the dragon boats!

Alice: Yeah! They're all so beautiful! Wooooow!



Nick: Who cares what they look like! Just look at all those people paddling so hard and quickly.

John: *(Standing on the guardrail of the boat pretending to beat a drum)* Yeah! Look at me beating the drum. I'm so good at this.

Pat and Alice: John! Be careful! Come down from there. You'll fall!

(John looks back at his friends, smiling. Just then he loses his balance and falls into the water. Splash!)

John: Ahhh! Help me! I can't swim!

Pat and Alice: Help! Help!

(Nick waves and shouts frantically to a dragon boat team. It quickly paddles over to save John.)

Nick: Help my friend! He's fallen overboard carelessly!

Dragon Boat Team Leader: Don't worry! We can save him!

Scene 4 **(At the pier)**

(The dragon boat team and John return to the pier first. They are waiting for Nick, Pat and Alice.)

Nick, Pat and Alice: John! John! Are you OK?

John: Yeah. The dragon boat team saved me. I was very scared. *(Turning to the dragon boat team)* Thank you for saving me.

Nick, Pat and Alice: Yes, thank you for saving our friend.

Dragon Boat Team Leader: Not at all. Remember to be more careful next time.



John: I will.

Pat: I really like to watch dragon boat races. I want to join a dragon boat race team someday.

Dragon Boat Team Leader: Would you like to join us right now?

Pat: Oh, yes, I'd really love to!

John: Can I beat the drum?

Dragon Boat Team Leader: Yes, but promise you won't fall into the water.

Nick, Pat and Alice: Right. We don't want to see that again!

John: I promise! Let's go!

Alice: We'll cheer for you from here. Go John! Go Pat! Go! Go! Go!

