

# Rainbow Readers

**Title: China**

## Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

military

communists

emperor

oars

civilizations

1. China has one of the oldest civilizations on earth.
2. Most countries have a(n) military to protect their people.
3. Nowadays, the emperor of Japan has no real political power.
4. The communists founded the People's Republic of China.
5. I'm tired of rowing. Can you take the oars for a while?

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The capital of China is the largest city. T / F
2. Tibet is part of China. T / F
3. The first emperor's dynasty lasted for about five hundred years. T / F
4. All the rulers of China have been Chinese. T / F
5. The Olympics were held in Shanghai in 2008. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. China is located in (eastern / western) Asia.
2. The Gobi Desert is in (northeastern / northwestern) China.
3. The (Xia / Zhou) dynasty was the first dynasty in China.
4. The Nationalists left mainland China and moved to (Tibet / Taiwan).
5. Many Chinese people practice (table tennis / tai chi) in the parks each morning.

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. What is the Shang Dynasty responsible for?

- a. The invention of coins
- b. The start of the military
- c. The invention of the calendar
- d. Building the first towns

2. Which part of China has rich farmland?

- a. Northern
- b. Eastern
- c. Southern
- d. Western

3. The path that traders took was called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. the Great Wall
- b. the Song Road
- c. the Yangtze River
- d. the Silk Road

4. According to the book, what are people in China not allowed to do?

- a. Move to Taiwan
- b. Farm in the countryside
- c. Disagree with the government
- d. Have more than one baby

5. Which is true about the non-Chinese in China?

- a. They do not go to school.
- b. They are less than ten percent of the population.
- c. They mostly live in large cities like Beijing.
- d. They are only allowed to do certain jobs.

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

mainland	dynasties	Nationalists	parades	emperor
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China has more people than any other nation. There are hot deserts, tall mountains, and long rivers there. China is a very old civilization. It has been ruled by many dynasties over the years. The first emperor of China started building a wall to protect his country. It is now the longest wall in the world. Mongolia invaded China during the Song Dynasty. Dynasties ended in 1912, and the Chinese people had to decide who would be in charge. The Nationalists and the Communists fought. The Communists finally won, and the Nationalists left the mainland. Communists are still in control today. The Chinese people have a rich culture. They have huge celebrations with parades. They make beautiful paintings using calligraphy and nature scenes. Chinese legends are brought to life using traditional dance and music. Shanghai and Beijing, the capital, are two of the biggest cities. China is successful at producing very cheap items, but this has cost them. The cities are crowded, and there is a lot of pollution.