

# WHAT IS A DRAGON?

Imagine you are a young adventurer who is exploring an ancient library. You discover an old, dusty scroll. As you unroll it, you see beautiful illustrations of dragons! You pull out your notebook to take notes to learn about these mystical creatures.

## TASK ONE

You have become intrigued by the dragon scroll and have decided to set out in search of a real dragon!

Study the illustrations and excerpts about three dragons from the scroll below. Then answer the questions based on your examination.

1. What is the size range of the dragons?

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2. What do the dragons use to protect themselves and hunt?

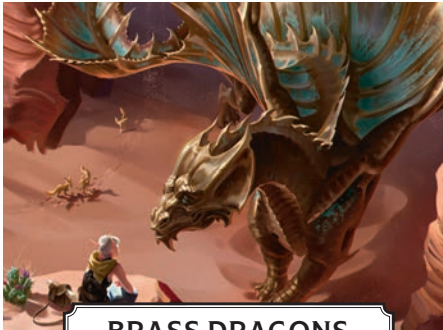
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3. Do the three dragons share certain features? What are they?

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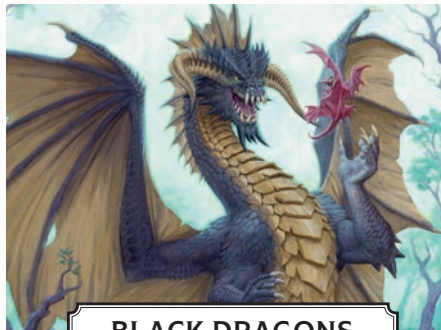
## TASK TWO

Infer more about dragons by creating a Venn diagram on the back of this sheet to record your answers. Compare the general distinguishing features of the dragons (for example, the neck, wings, and claws) to those of a lizard. Using this information and your answers from Task 1, what can you infer about dragons as a species?



**BRASS DRAGONS**

**Brass dragons** are desert creatures. They have a maximum height of 16 feet and a wingspan of 60 feet, and they can breathe fire or sleep gas to protect themselves. Their distinguishing factor is that their outstretched wings form a triangle shape when in flight. They love treasure made from plant material.



**BLACK DRAGONS**

**Black dragons** are small-to-medium-sized. They have a maximum height of 16 feet and a wingspan of 40 feet, and they can breathe pure acid to protect themselves. As their name suggests, they can create complete darkness. They are not friendly and will attack without warning. They hoard treasure in the form of coins and live in stinky bogs.



**SILVER DRAGONS**

**Silver dragons** are some of the largest dragons. They have a maximum height of 22 feet and a wingspan of 150 feet, and they can breathe a paralyzing gas or frost to protect themselves. Silver dragons make their lairs on high mountains, but are friendly towards humans and often spend years in human form living among people. They will even protect humans they care about! Silver dragons have the power to shape clouds into solid structures. They only hoard small works of art such as jewelry so they can fly with their treasures.

**FAMILIES:** Want to learn more about these powerful and magical creatures? Pick up a copy of Dungeons & Dragons' new illustrated book, *The Practically Complete Guide to Dragons*, available August 15.