

Listen, read and do the tasks.

MYTHICAL CREATURES OF KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan is a country with a rich history and beautiful traditions. Many years ago, people told legends and fairy tales about mythical creatures. These creatures are not real, but they are important in culture and stories.

★ TULPAR – THE FLYING HORSE



The most famous mythical creature in Kazakhstan is the Tulpar. It is a strong and fast horse with wings. Tulpar can fly high in the sky and run very fast on the ground.

In many Kazakh stories, brave warriors ride Tulpar into battle. The horse helps the hero fight enemies and protect people. Tulpar is a symbol of freedom, strength, and speed. People love Tulpar because it shows the power and spirit of the Kazakh people.

You can see the image of Tulpar on the coat of arms of Kazakhstan. It is also on some monuments and buildings.

❖ OTHER MYTHICAL CREATURES

Kazakh stories also talk about other magical creatures. One of them is Zhalmauyz Kempir. She is an old witch with seven heads. She is evil and can do dark magic. In fairy tales, the hero must fight and defeat her.



Another famous creature is the Azhdaha, a big dragon with three or seven heads. It can fly and breathe fire. Azhdaha is very dangerous, but the hero can win with bravery and smart thinking.



Some legends also speak about Samruk, a giant bird that lives on the Tree of Life. Samruk lays a golden egg and brings luck and new beginnings.

❖ Task 1: Answer the questions in short.

1. What is Tulpar?
2. What does Tulpar symbolize?
3. Who rides Tulpar in Kazakh legends?
4. Who is Zhalmauyz Kempir?
5. What kind of creature is Azhdaha?
6. What does Samruk do?

✓ **Task 2: Choose True or False.**

1. Tulpar is a slow horse.	True	False
2. Tulpar can fly.	True	False
3. Zhalmayz Kempir is a good fairy.	True	False
4. Azhdaha has many heads.	True	False
5. Samruk lays golden eggs.	True	False
6. Tulpar is on the flag of Kazakhstan.	True	False

✓ **Task 3: Match the creature to the description.**

<i>Creature</i>	<i>Description</i>
Tulpar	a) a bird that lays a golden egg
Zhalmauyz Kempir	b) a dragon that breathes fire
Azhdaha	c) a flying horse with wings
Samruk	d) an old witch with seven heads