

## READING

Complete the paragraphs about different festivals With present simple or present continuous.

### Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim Whale Festival



In British Columbia, people \_\_\_\_\_ - (have) festivals that celebrate the things that make their hometown special. Every year, about 20,000 grey whales \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) past the west coast of Vancouver Island. The whales \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) from Mexico to the Arctic and back again. The whole trip is about 16,000 kilometres. Every March, the people who \_\_\_\_\_ (live) around the Pacific Rim National Park have a festival to celebrate the whales' journey. The festival is the Pacific Rim Whale Festival. The whales travel very close to the shore as they swim north. This \_\_\_\_\_ (allow) people to gather together to watch the whales from land and from boats.

### Nanaimo's Bathtub Race



On the east coast of Vancouver Island, you can see people moving through the water in a strange type of boat. During the Nanaimo Bathtub Race, people \_\_\_\_\_ (have)

a big race in boats made from bathtubs! The city of Nanaimo is home to the oldest and most famous bathtub boat race in the world. The race started as a silly event in 1967. Today, Nanaimo's World Championship Bathtub Race \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a serious sport that \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) racers and visitors from around the world.

### Vancouver's Dragon Boat Festival



Vancouver is home to another famous festival on the water. This is the Dragon Boat Festival. The festival \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) with a ceremony. The ceremony wakes up the dragon and

\_\_\_\_\_ (give) the people and boats the dragon's strength. Each boat has a dragon's head on the front and a tail on the back. The boat \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a team of about 20 people. The people in the boats paddle to the beat of a drummer. The drummer \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at the front of the dragon boat.