

Flying Under the Influence

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This puzzle clues the names of 14 dragons, each of whom is watching a YouTube video that they would be interested in, with the video title below the image. Each video has been interrupted by a targeted (and generally humorous) ad aimed at that particular dragon. The number of Views for each video clues the length of the dragon's name. In combination, these three items should lead solvers to each dragon's name. The number of Likes for each video gives a number to use to index into the dragon's name to get a letter. Each video is labeled as video 1-14 (in order). Once solvers have figured out the letter associated with each dragon, they should replace all occurrences of the matching number in the indicated answer string with the appropriate letter; letters are used 1-4 times. Adding punctuation, this spells out "Mushu's Laundry: Don't Dry – Torrefy". "Torrefy" means to dry or roast using fire. Mushu is the small fire breathing guardian dragon from the Disney movie Mulan and was appropriate for the Chinese Zodiac theme. If solvers went to the laundry room and opened the dryer, they found a dragon egg with the next puzzle inside it.

The table below gives the dragon names, source material for each dragon, and letter extraction.

#	Dragon Name	Index #	Letter	Source Material	
1	Temeraire	3	M	Books: Temeraire series by Naomi Novik	
2	Quetzalcoatl	4	T	Aztec deity	
3	Toothless	2	Ο	Movies: <i>How to Train your Dragon</i> series	
4	Tiamat	3	A	Dungeons & Dragons – evil dragon goddess	
5	Draco	1	D	Movies: <i>Dragonheart</i> and sequels	
6	Dragon	2	R	Movies: Shrek and sequels	
7	Saphira	4	Н	Books and Movie: <i>Eragon</i> by Christopher	
				Paolini	
8	Smaug	1	S	Book: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien	
9	Elliott	2	L	Movie: Pete's Dragon	
10	Maleficent	5	F	Movie: <i>Snow White</i> and follow-ups	
11	Puff	2	U	Song: Puff the Magic Dragon	
12	Hydra	2	Y	Greek Myth: Labors of Hercules	
13	H.R. Pufnstuf	6	N	TV Series: H.R. Pufnstuf	
14	Viserion	4	Е	Books and TV series: A Song of Ice and Fire by	
				George R. R. Martin/Game of Thrones	