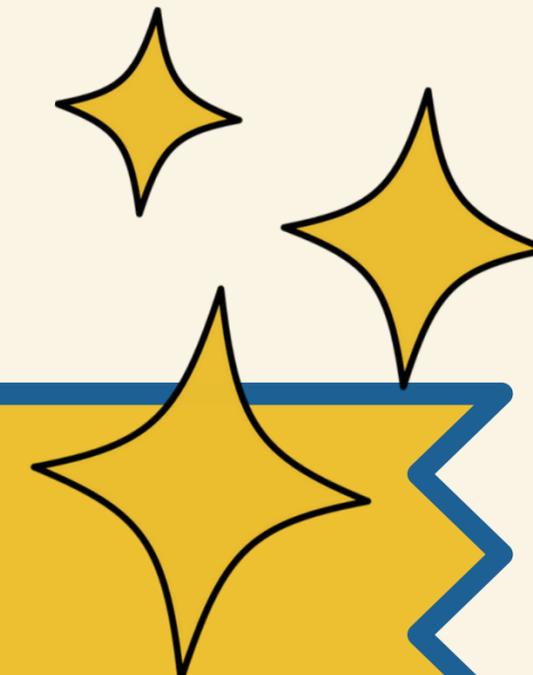




Squirrel Chinese Weekend Chinese Club



Lesson 4



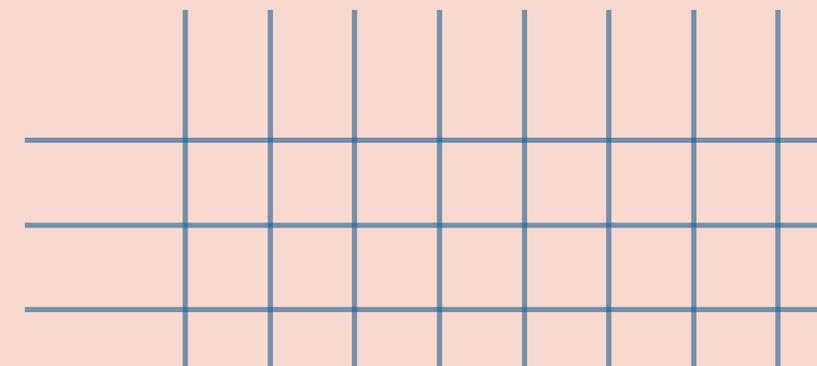


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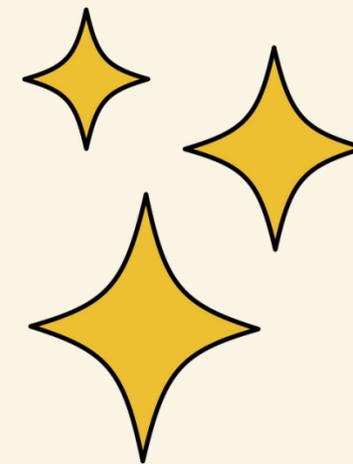
- 1st January in Lunar Calendar (so it is different date every year)

Traditions:

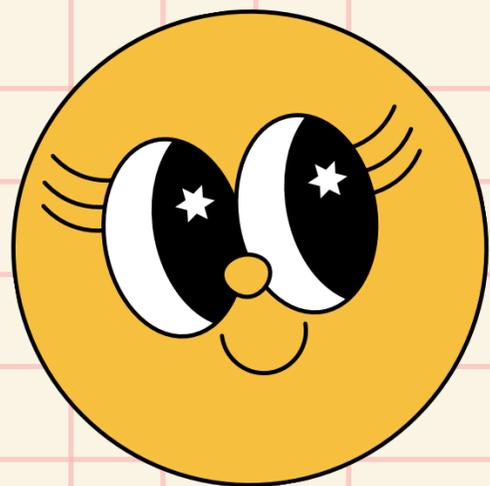
- Fireworks;
- Red packages (to give money to children);
- Staying up for the whole night at Chinese New Year Eve.



DECODE THE MESSAGE



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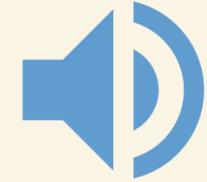


bà ba 爸爸



mā ma 妈妈

Can you tell me which one is



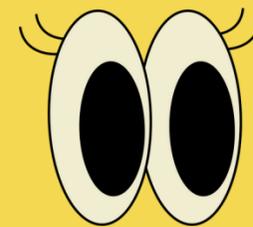
爸爸

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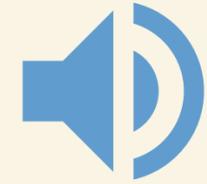
Please read this out.

bà ba



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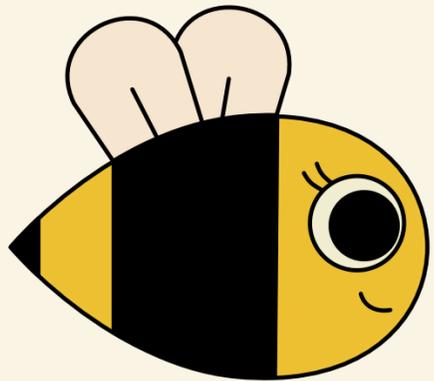




Dad

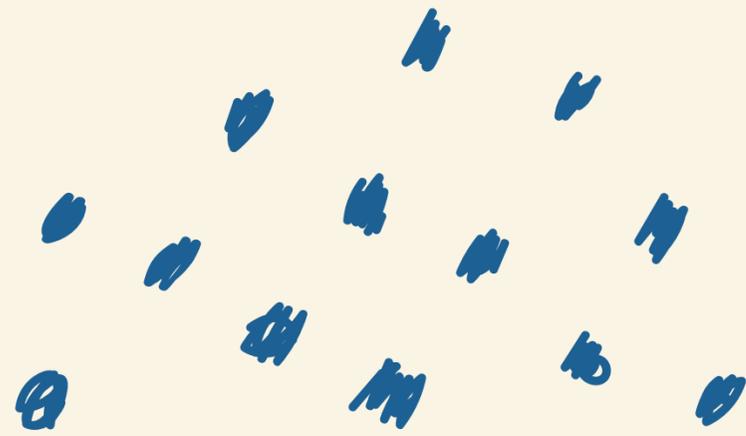
mā ma

bà ba



Who can read it out?

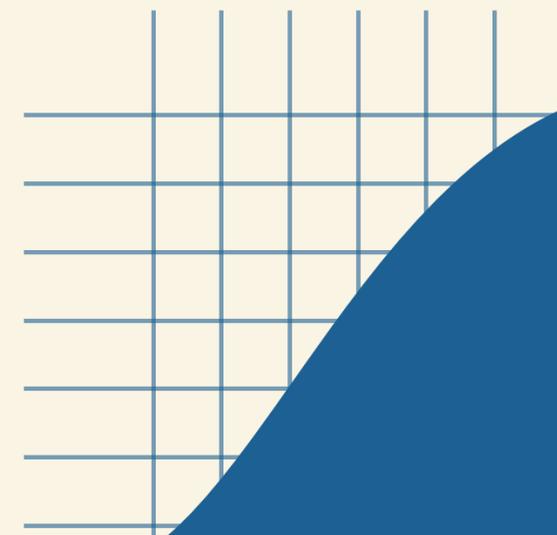
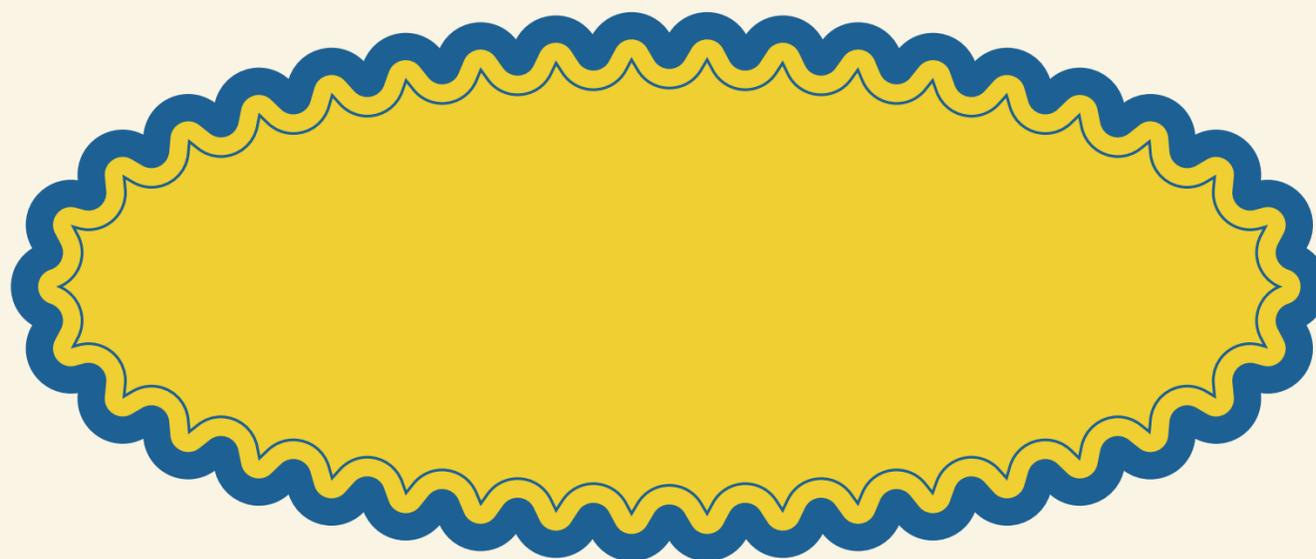
妈妈 mā ma



How do you say this in Chinese?



Mum



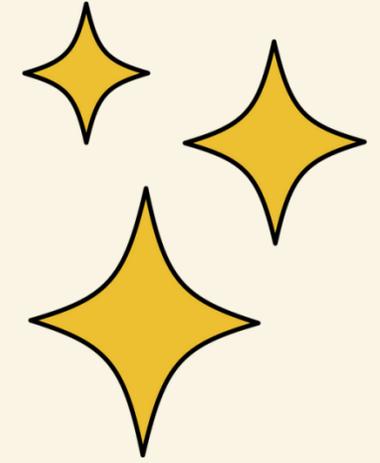
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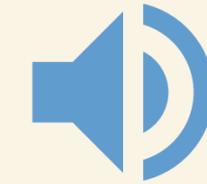
Mum

mā ma

DECODE THE MESSAGE



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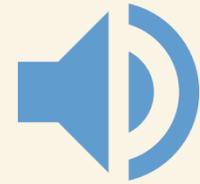


hē 喝



ài 爱

Can you tell me which one is



to love

hē

ài

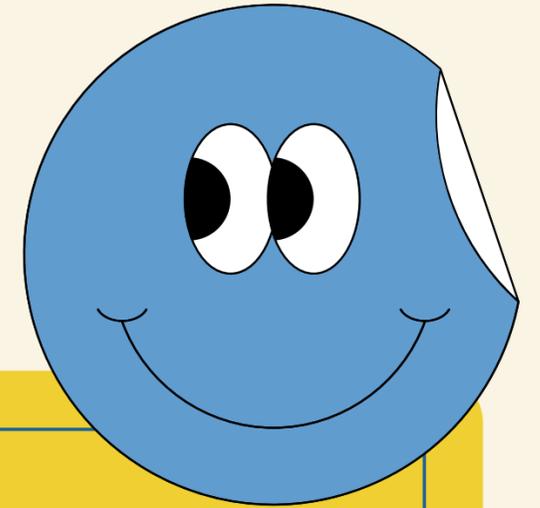
**WHICH ONE IS
"TO LOVE"?**

ài

爱

hē

喝



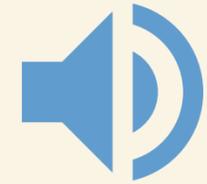


爱

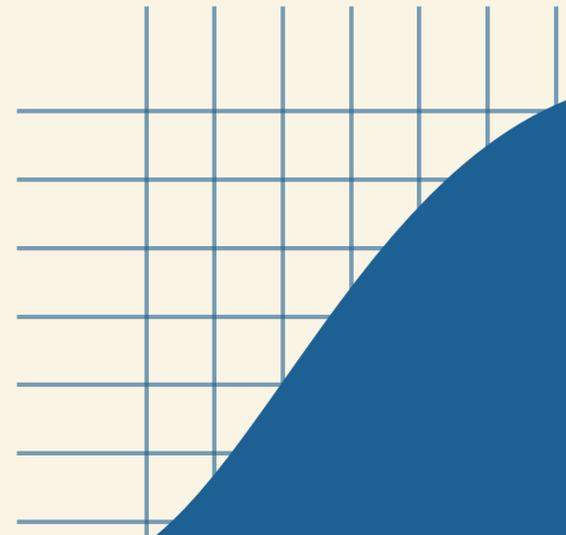
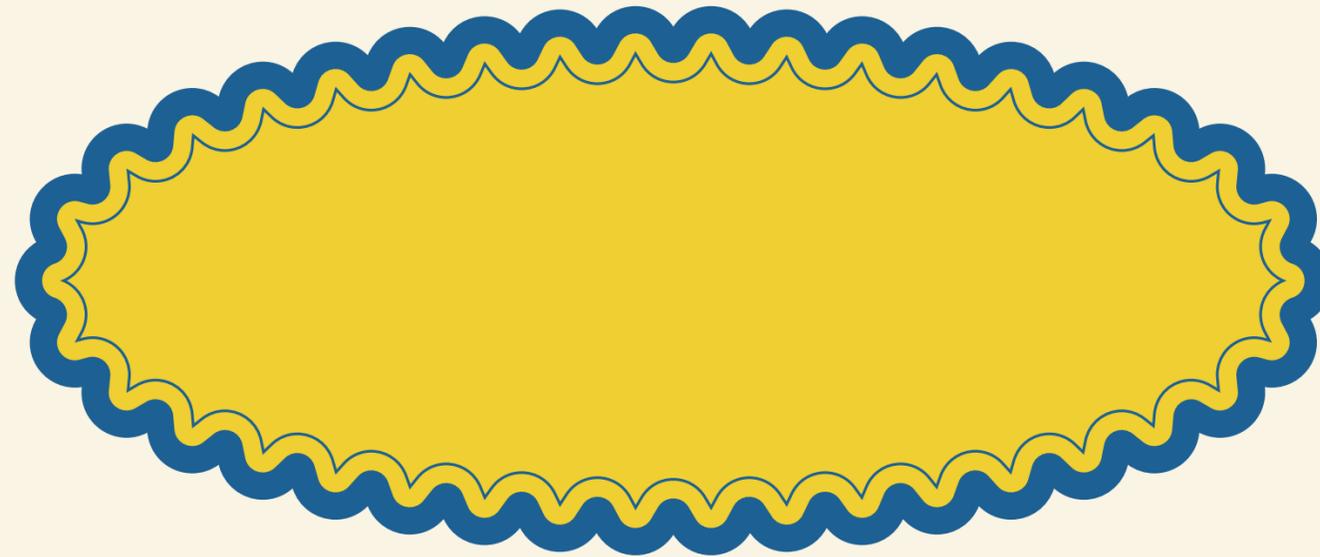
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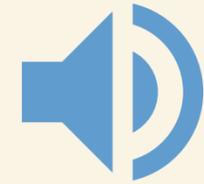
Can you tell me how to say this in Chinese?



to love

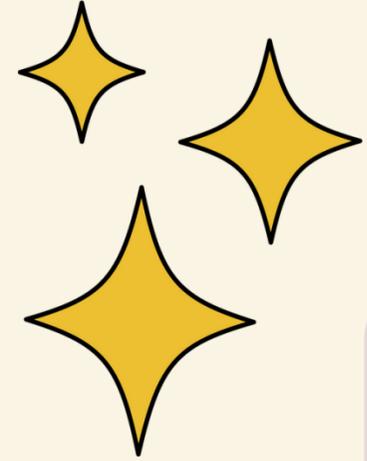


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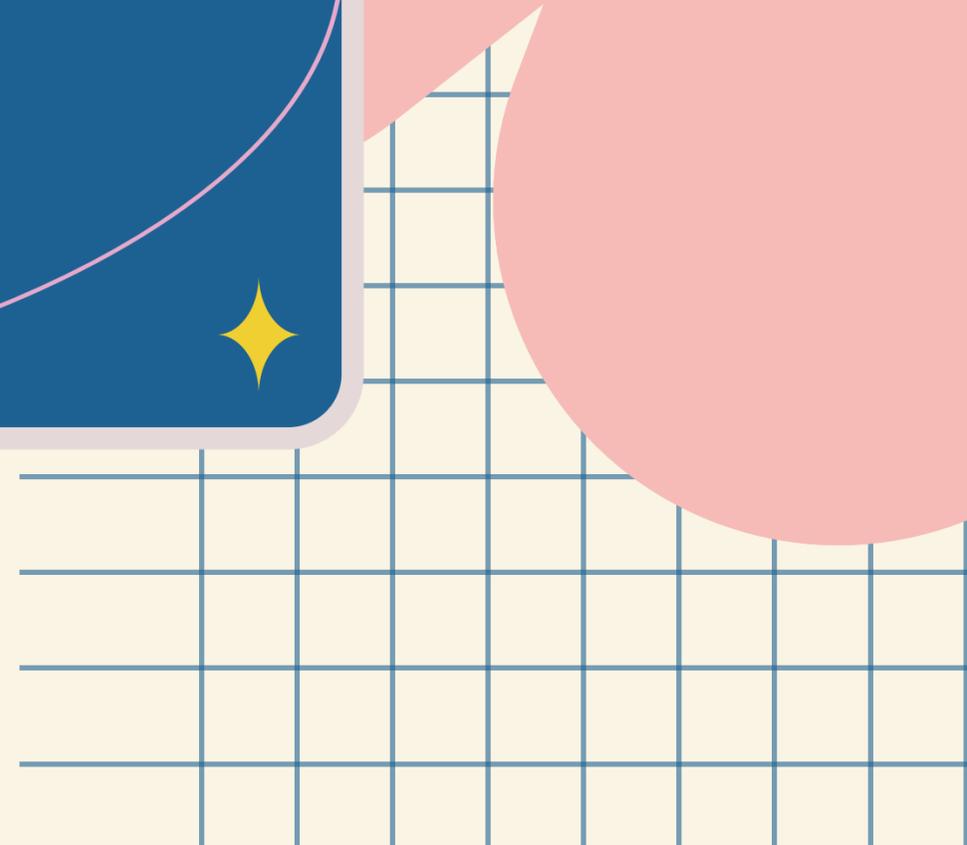
to love

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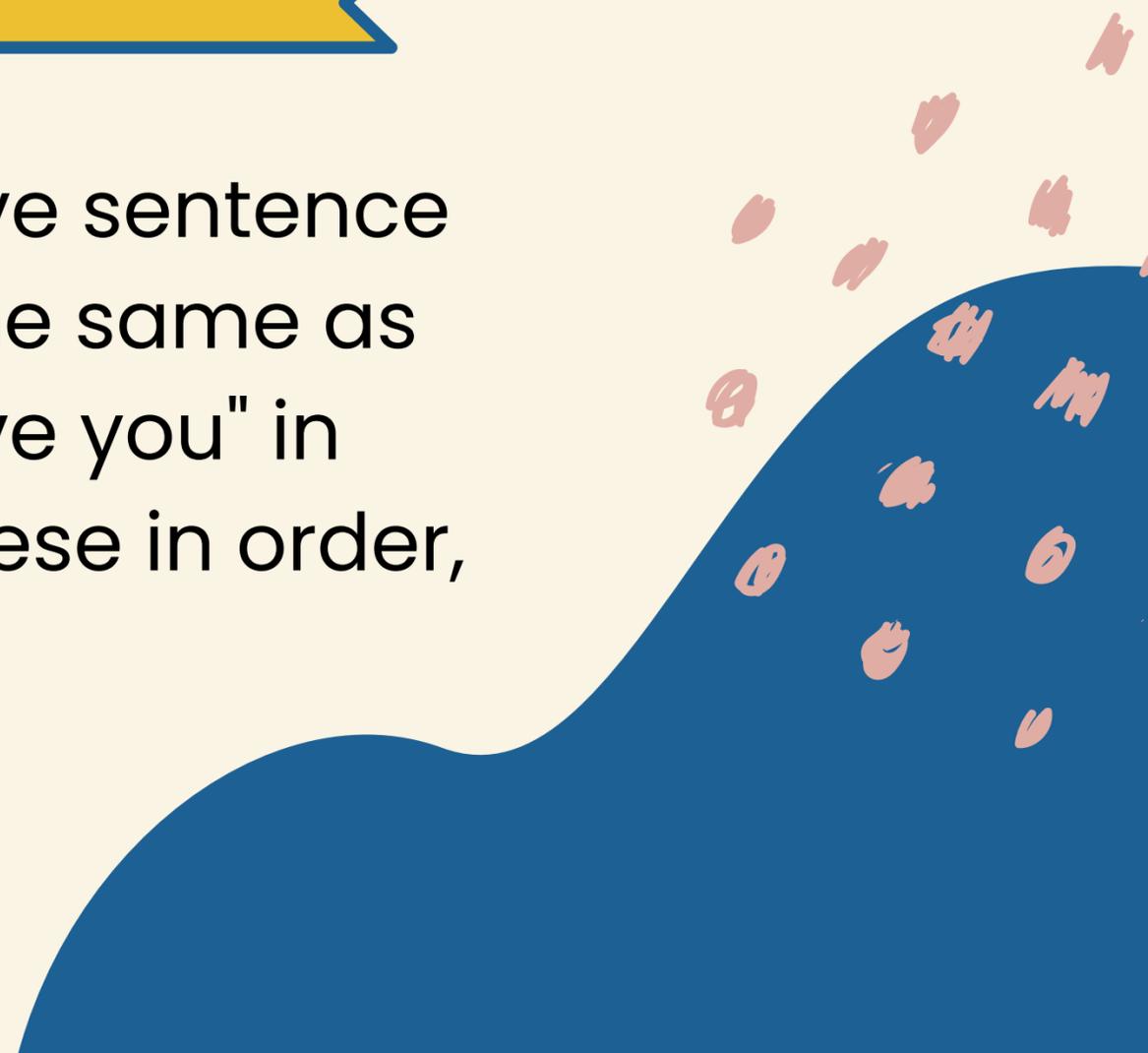
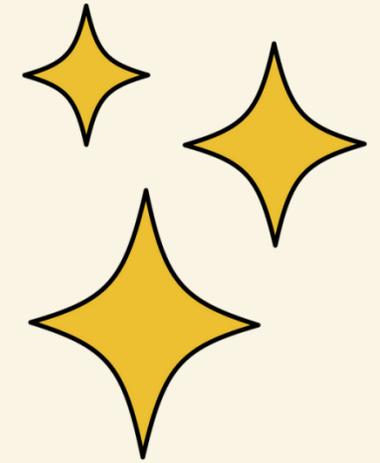
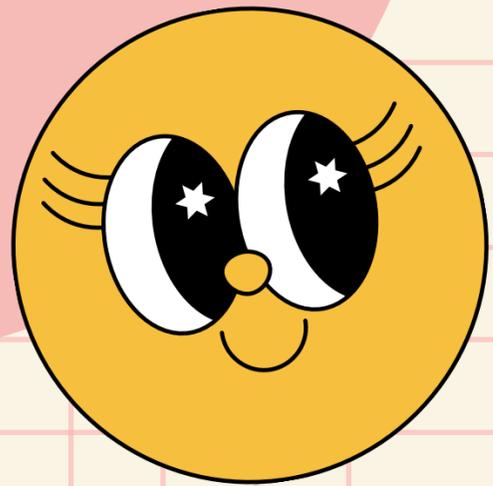
SPOT A PATTERN

Discover Chinese grammar
by yourself



SENTENCE ORDER

In Chinese, the order for a declarative sentence (a sentence that states a fact) is the same as English. So if you want to say "I love you" in Chinese, just say 'I' 'love' 'you' in Chinese in order, and you can get it.

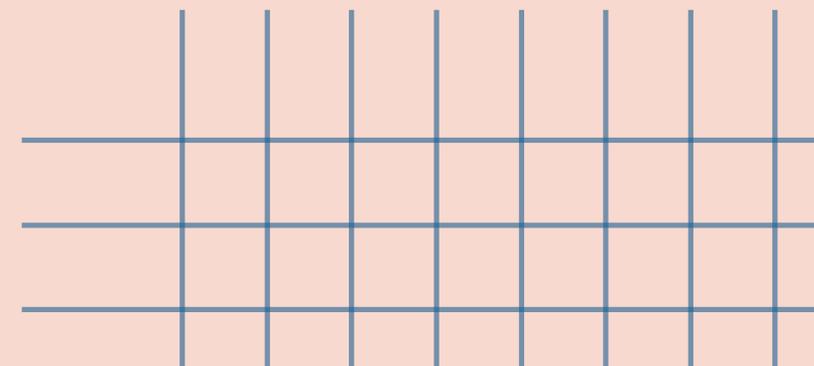
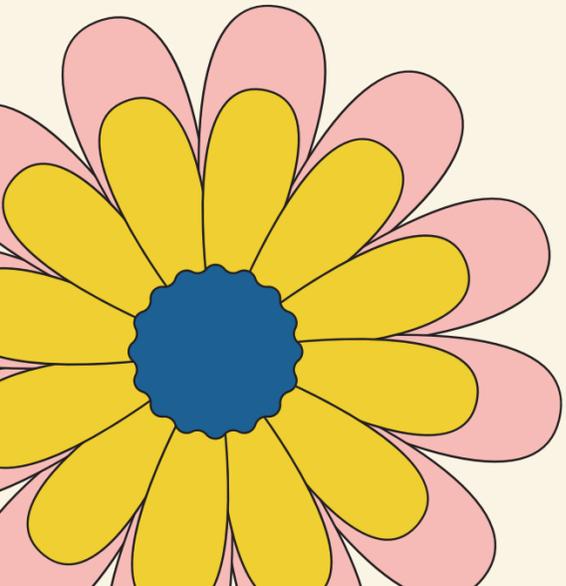


EXAMPLE 1

我爱爸爸

I love dad

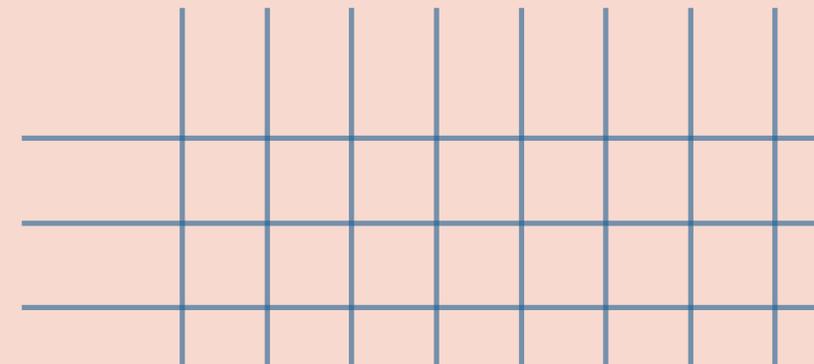
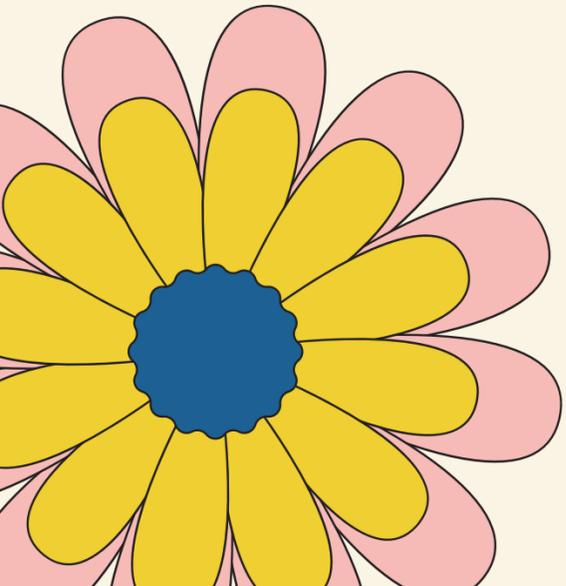
Take a look at the words with the same colours. They have same functions in both sentences.



EXAMPLE 2

我吃苹果
I eat apple

For sentences expressing (people + do + something) , we normally follow this pattern.



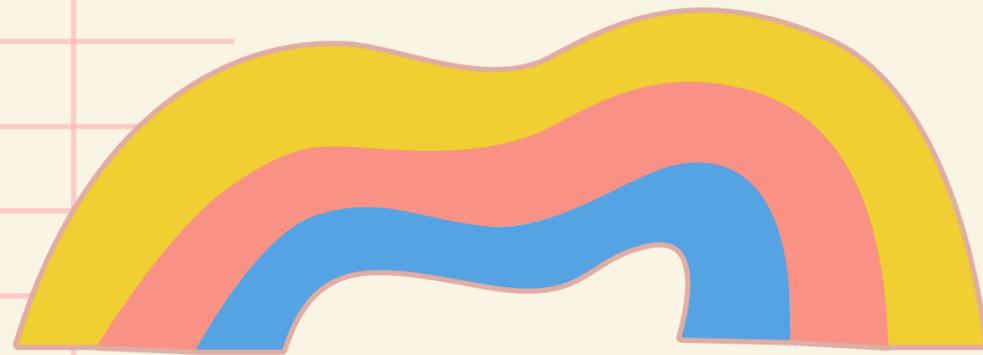
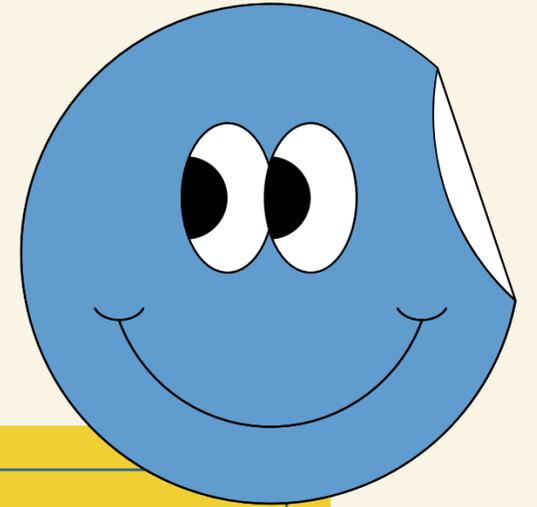
LET'S PRACTICE.

I eat apple.



苹果吃我。
(Píngguǒ chī wǒ)

Is this sentence
correct?



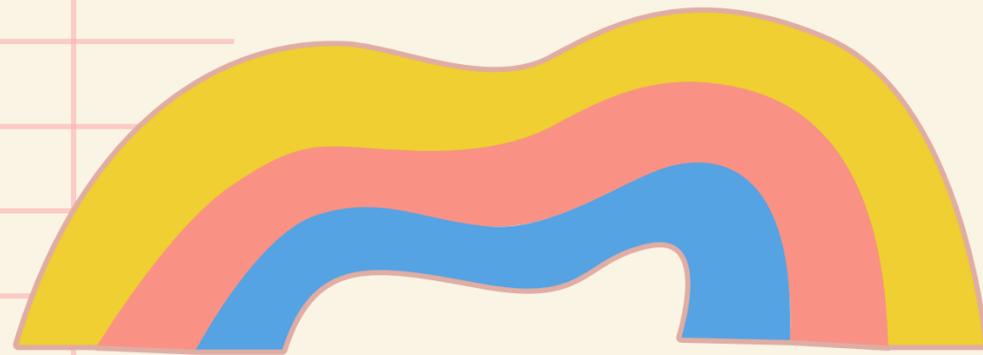
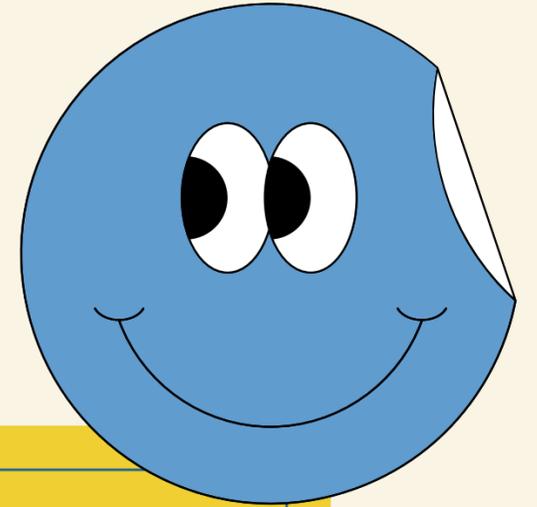
LET'S PRACTICE.

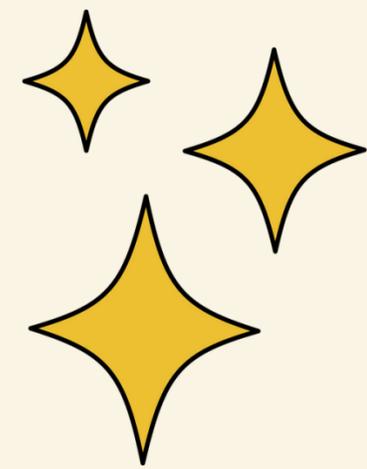
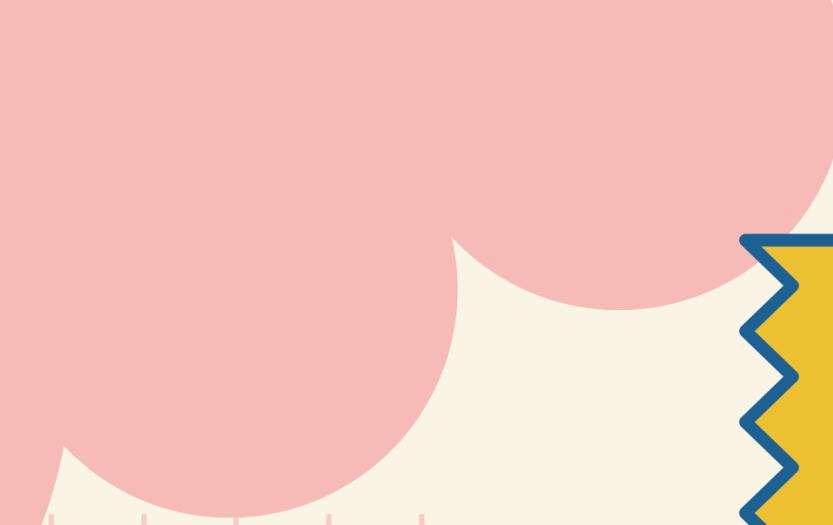
I love mum.



我爱妈妈
(Wǒ ài māma)

Is this sentence
correct?





Which one is the right way of saying “I drink water”?

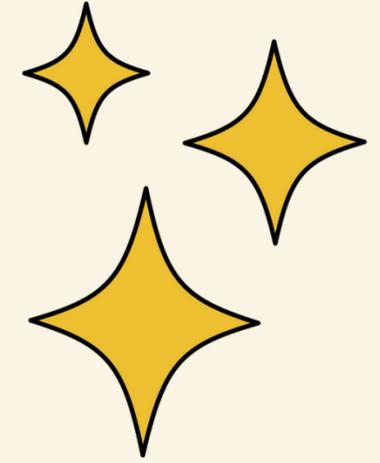


我喝水

我水喝



Your best friend said '我爱你' to you,
what would you say to him/her?

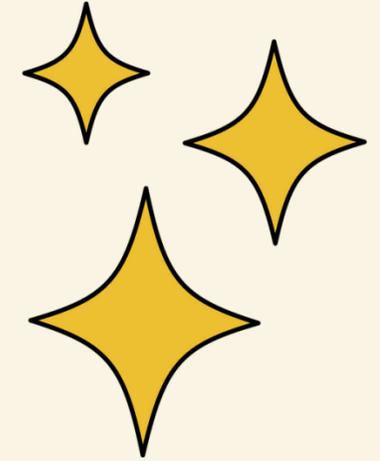
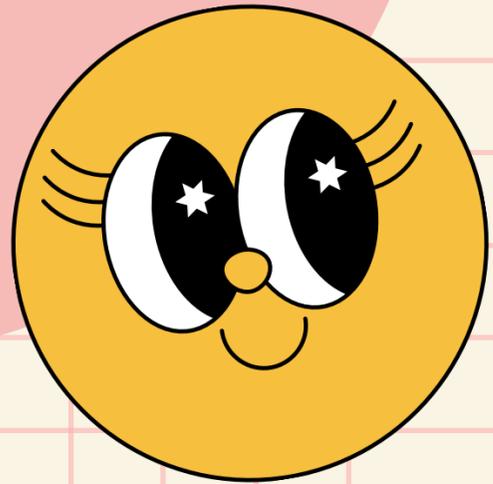


我爱你

你爱我

HOW TO FORM A QUESTION

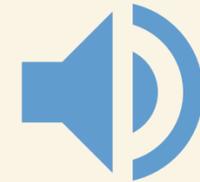
In Chinese, yes-no questions (the question that requests you to answer 'yes' or 'no') are very easy to form. You just need to add “**吗 (ma)**” after a declarative sentence.



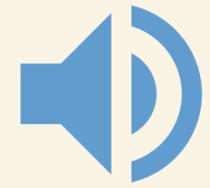
吗

ma

Have you noticed that there is no tone mark on top of this pinyin? This is called 'Neutral tone'. You sound it very light and short. Listen to it here:

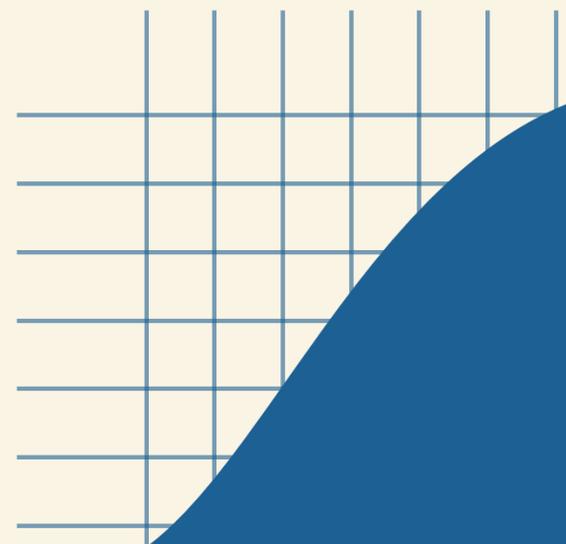


Let's say it together again



吗

ma

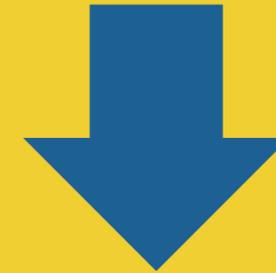


Example

To recap, in order to form a yes-no question, you simply add 吗 at the end of the sentence:

Hello

你好



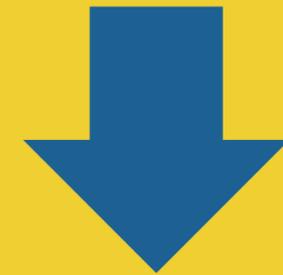
Are you OK?

你好吗?

Example

To recap, in order to form
a yes-no question, you
simply add 吗 at the end
of the sentence:

I love you 我爱你

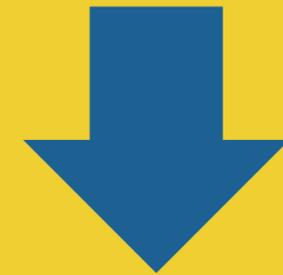


Do I love you? 我爱你吗?

Example

To recap, in order to form
a yes-no question, you
simply add 吗 at the end
of the sentence:

I'm Sophie 我叫Sophie



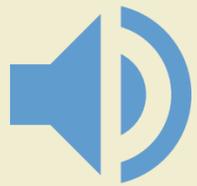
Am I Sophie? 我叫Sophie吗?

Can you tell me how to say this in Chinese?

I eat apple.

Can you tell me how to say this in Chinese?

我吃苹果



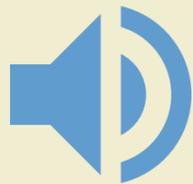
wǒ chī píngguǒ

Can you tell me how to say this in Chinese?

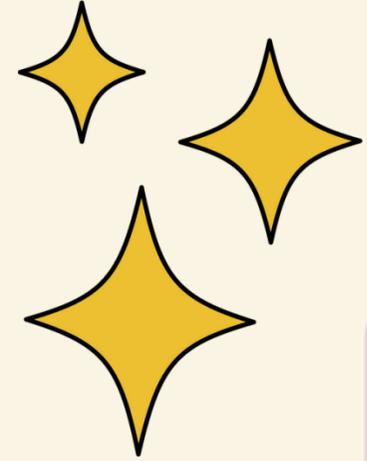
Do I eat apple?

Can you tell me how to say this in Chinese?

我吃苹果吗

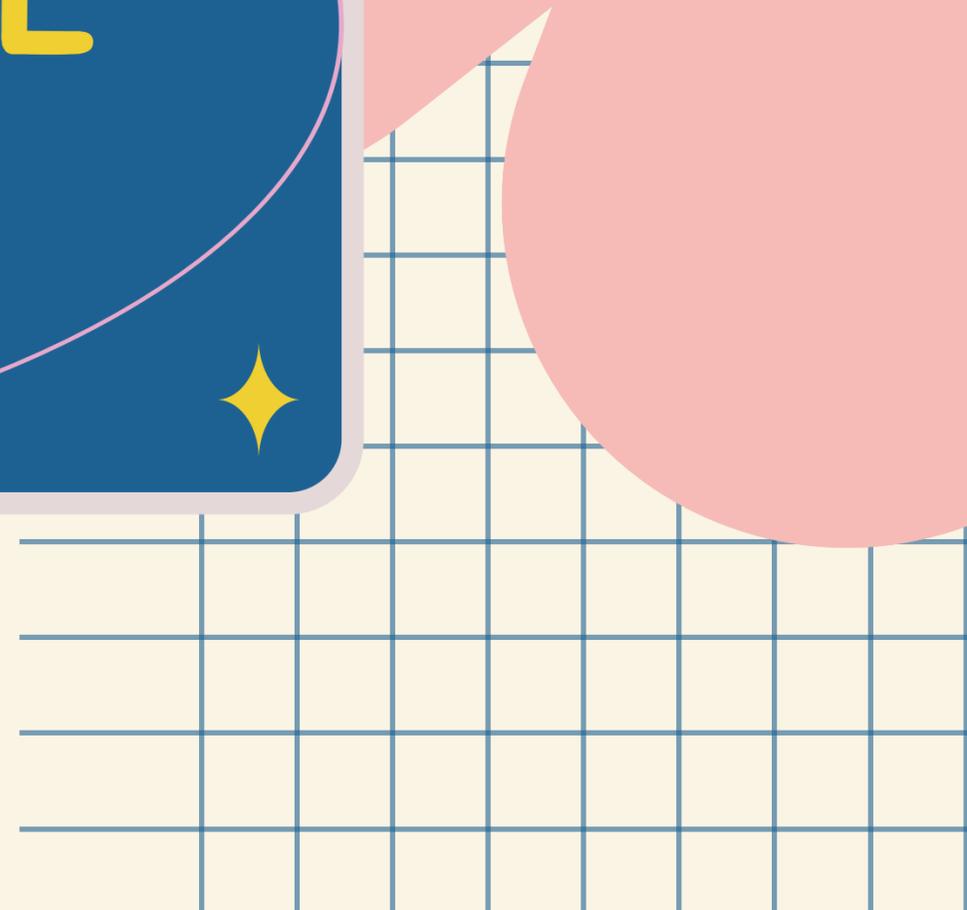


wǒ chī píngguǒ ma



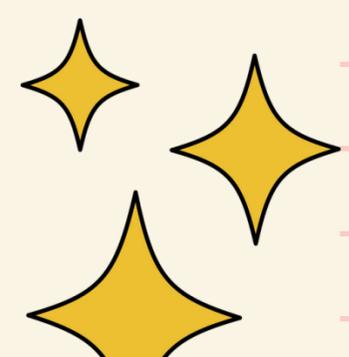
BUILD YOUR OWN SECRET MESSAGE

Use the word cards to build a
sentence



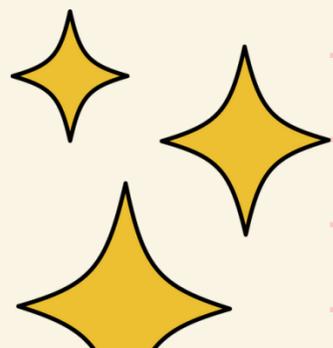


Love dad



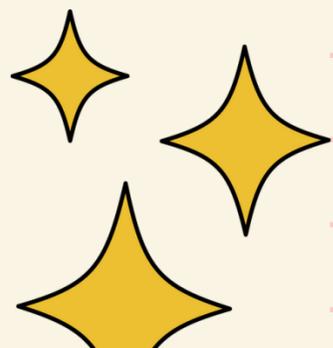
ài bà ba

Love dad





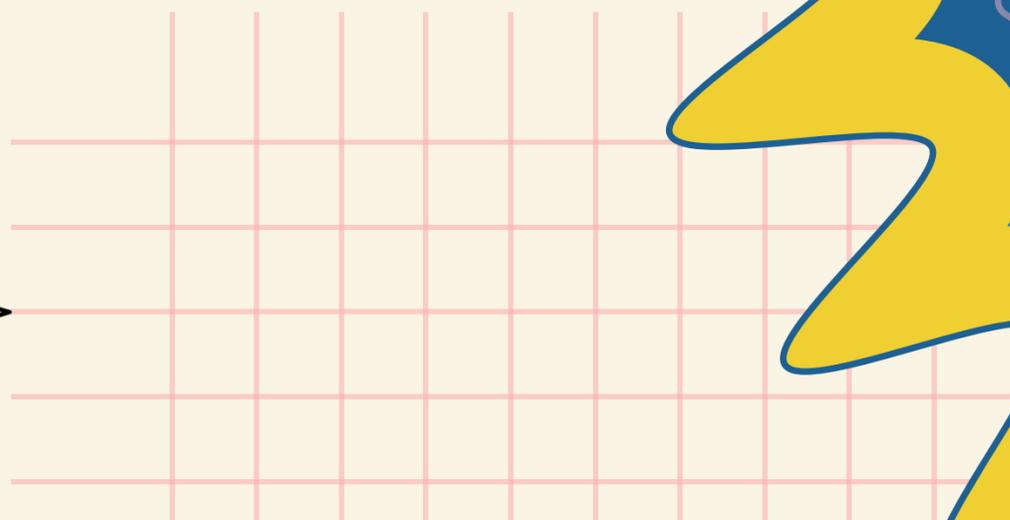
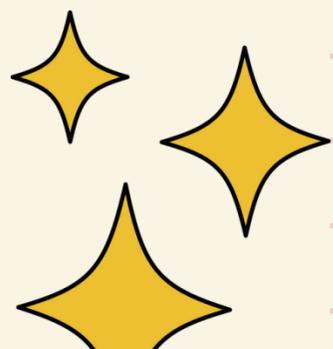
I love mum.





Wǒ ài mā ma

I love mum.



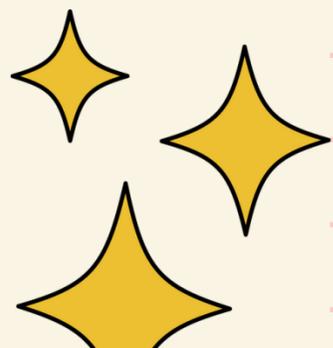


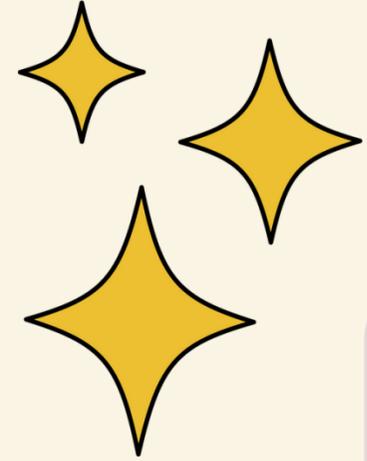
**Do you eat
apples?**



Nǐ chī píngguǒ ma?

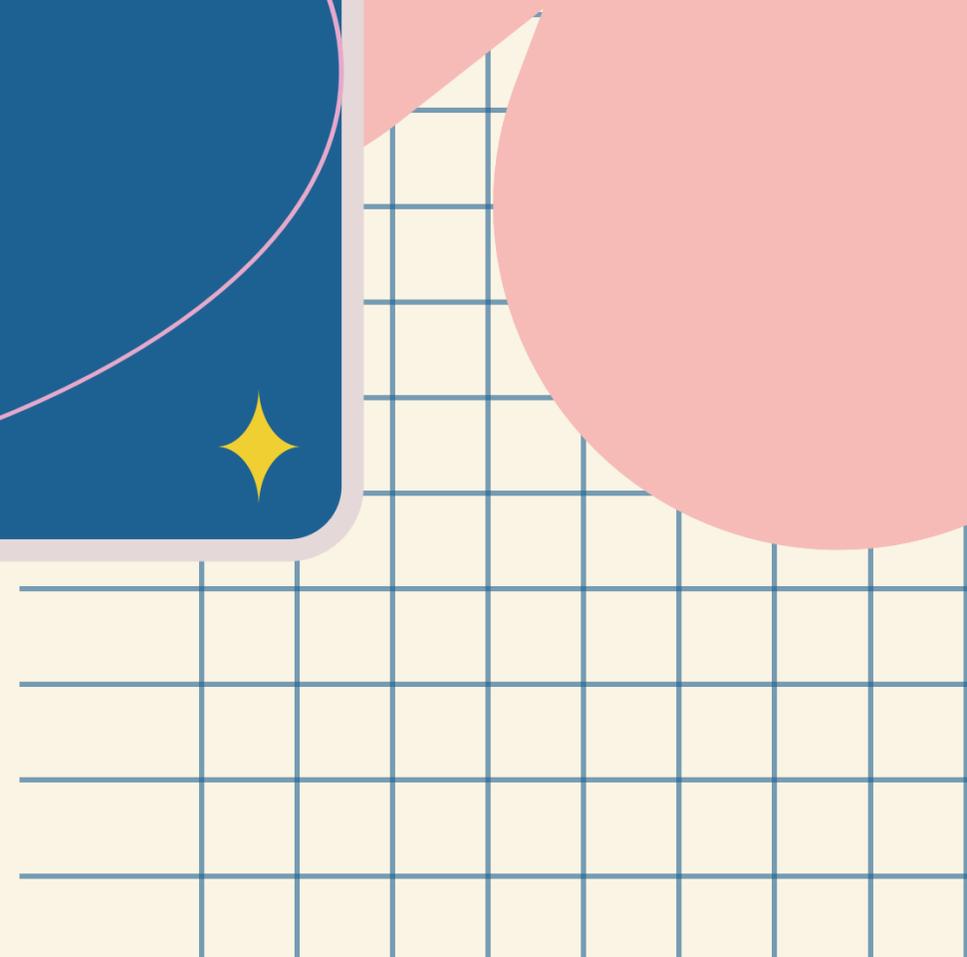
Do you eat
apples?





LOVE LETTER IN CHINESE

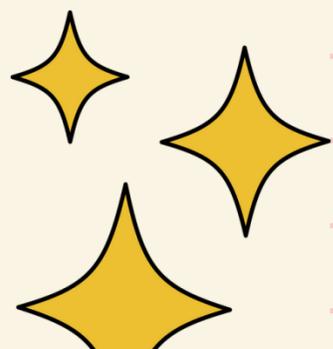
write a card for your parents





YOU NEED TO PREPARE:

- two cards (find them in the box)
- words to copy (find them in this lesson)
- some colouring pens
- some decorations





STEP 1



To start, you could address the person you want to write to, e.g. 爸爸，妈妈。

If you want to write to other family members, you can find how to say it on the word sheet in the box.



STEP 2

You can now start a new paragraph, write down "I love you" in Chinese.



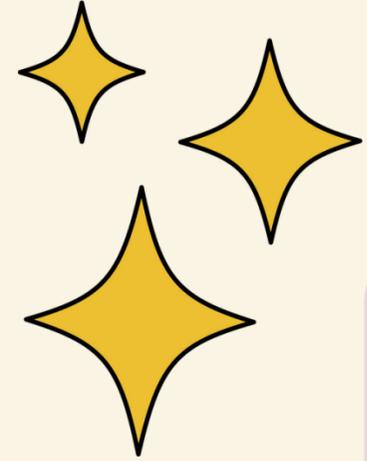
STEP 3

At last write down your name at the bottom of the card. You could write '爱你的 + your name', meaning 'Loving...'



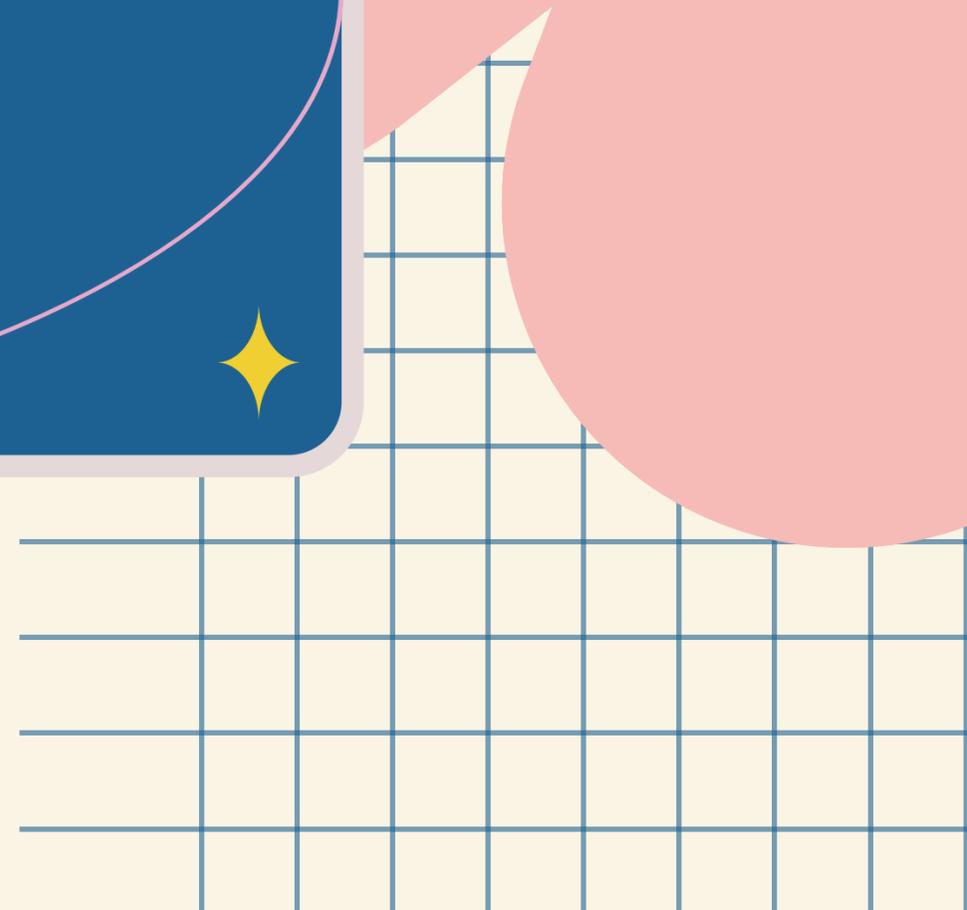
Here is a sample card for your reference

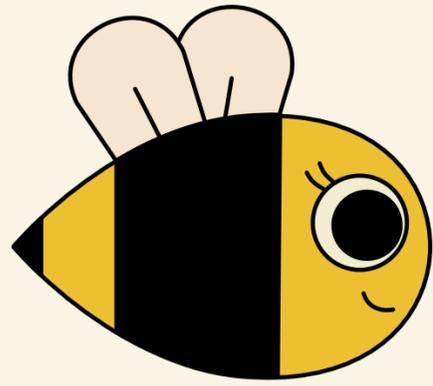




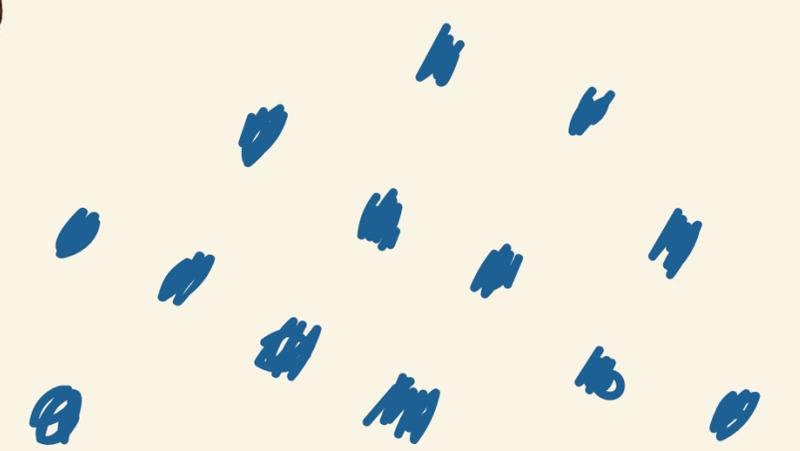
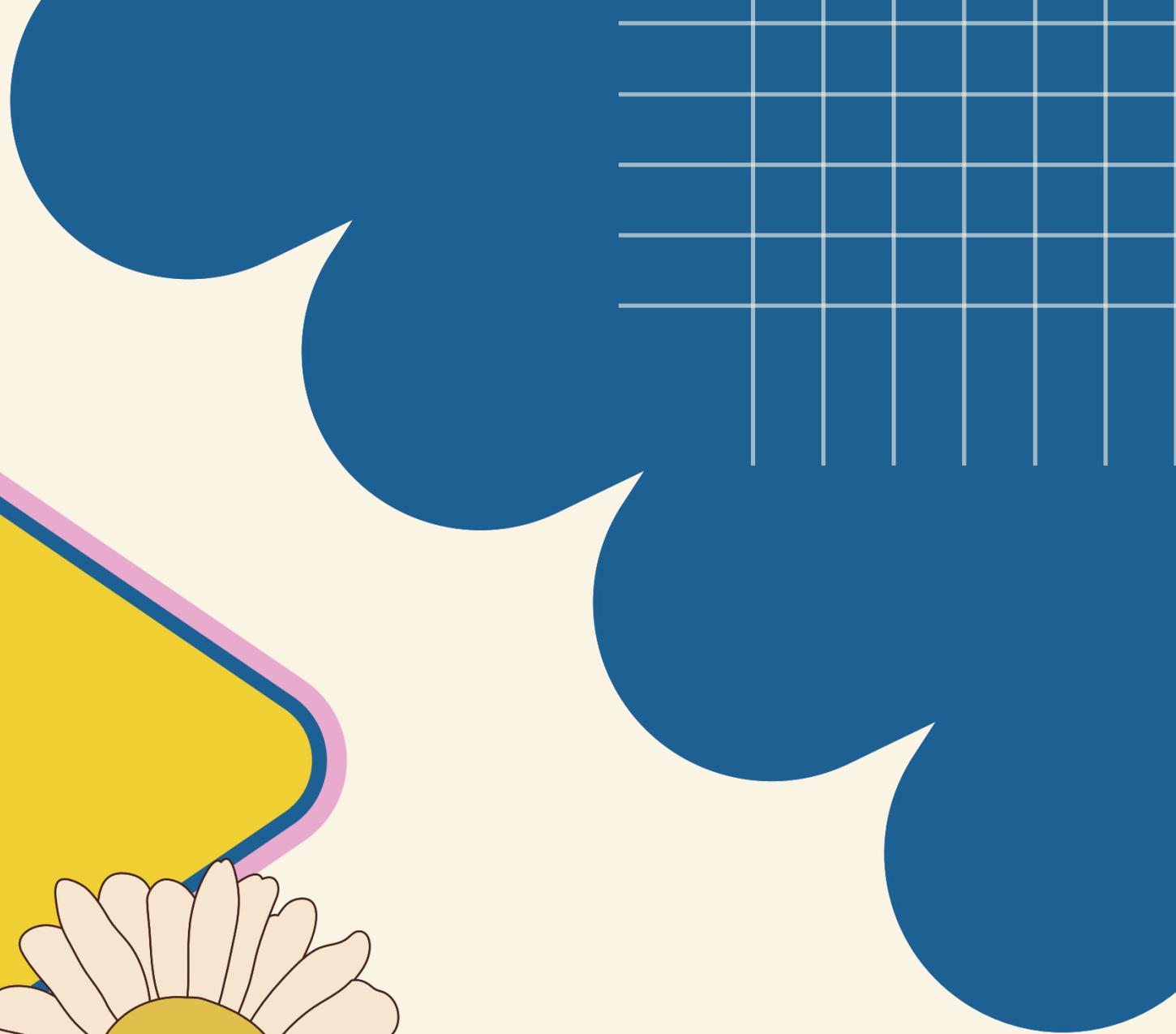
BE AN INTERPRETER

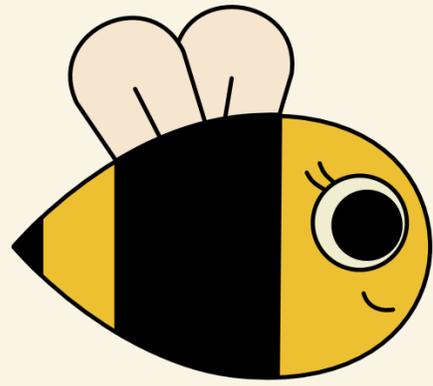
Translate English into
Chinese/Chinese into English



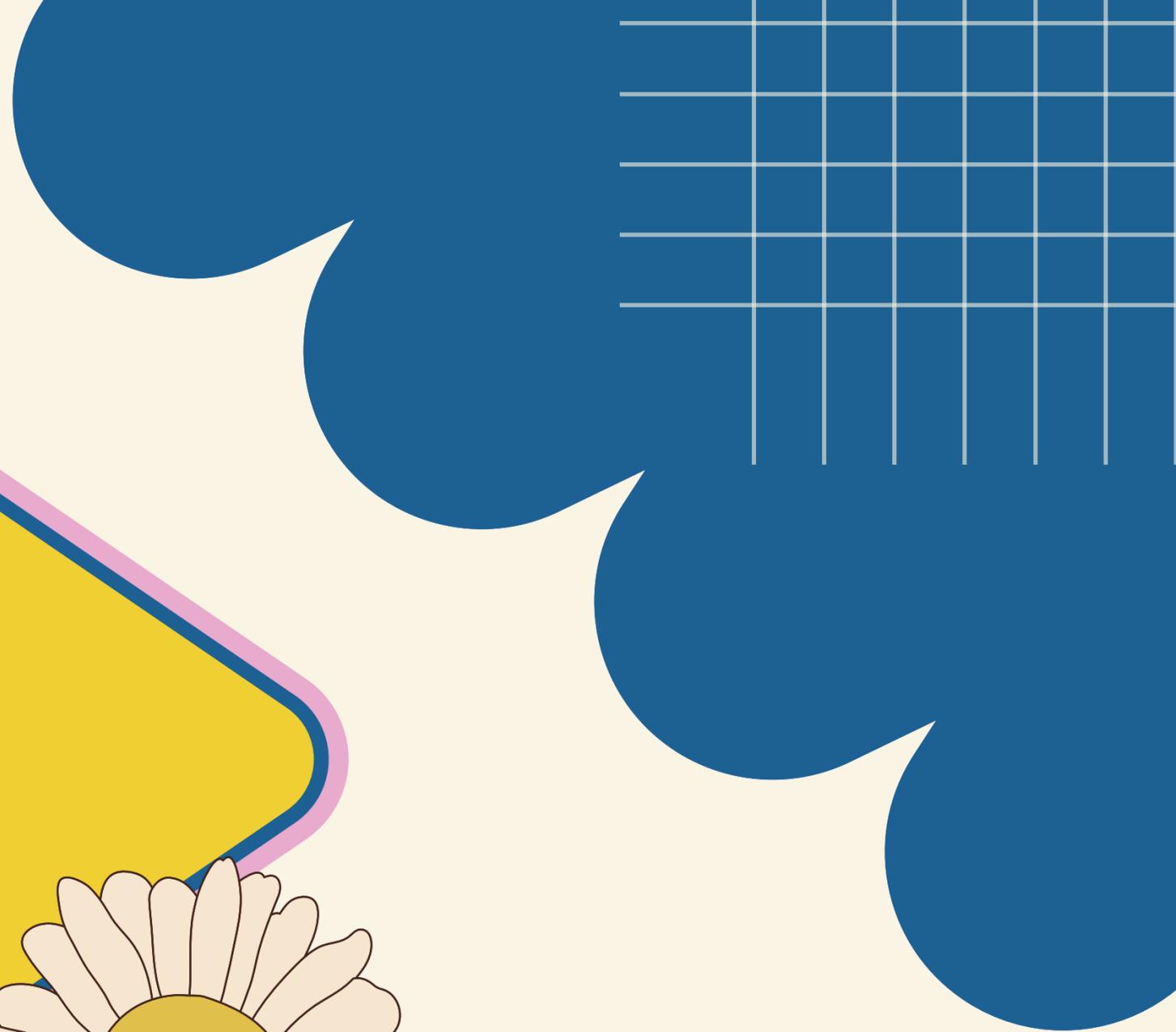
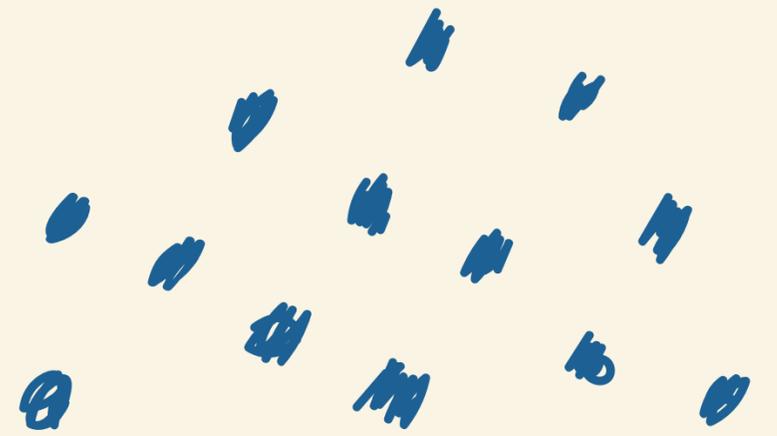


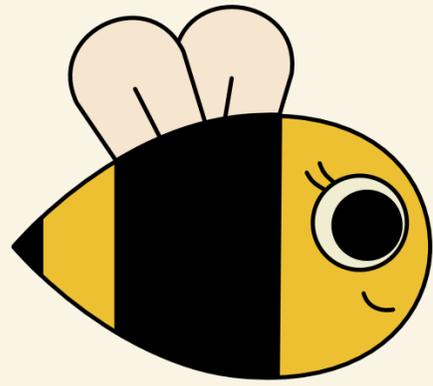
I love dad.



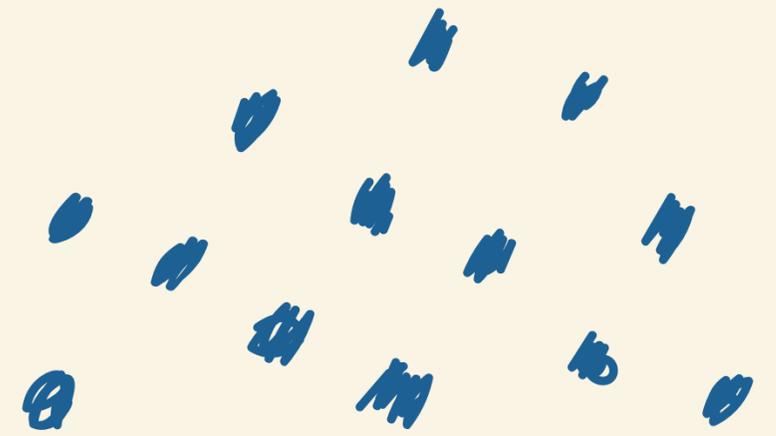


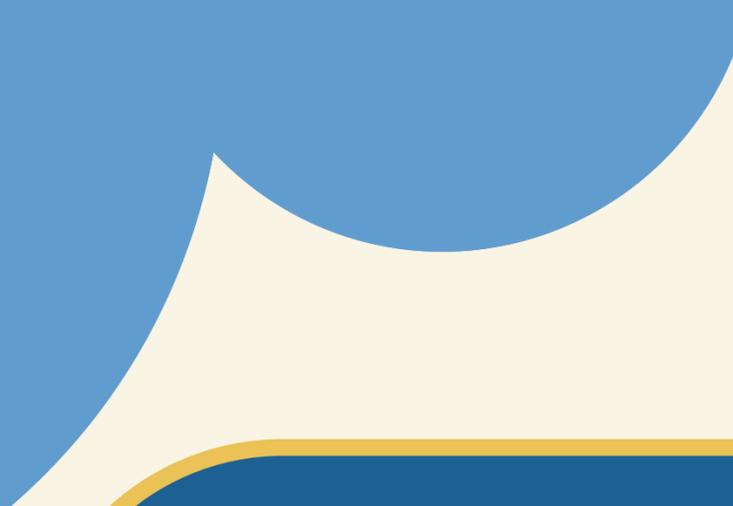
I love you.





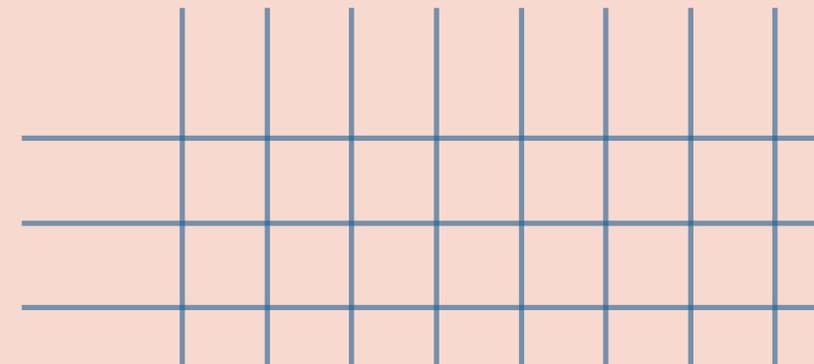
Do you eat apples?





ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN CHINESE

- How do you say "mum" and "dad" in Chinese?
- Do you love your mum?
- How do you ask your friend if they eat apples?



再见!

zài jiàn

