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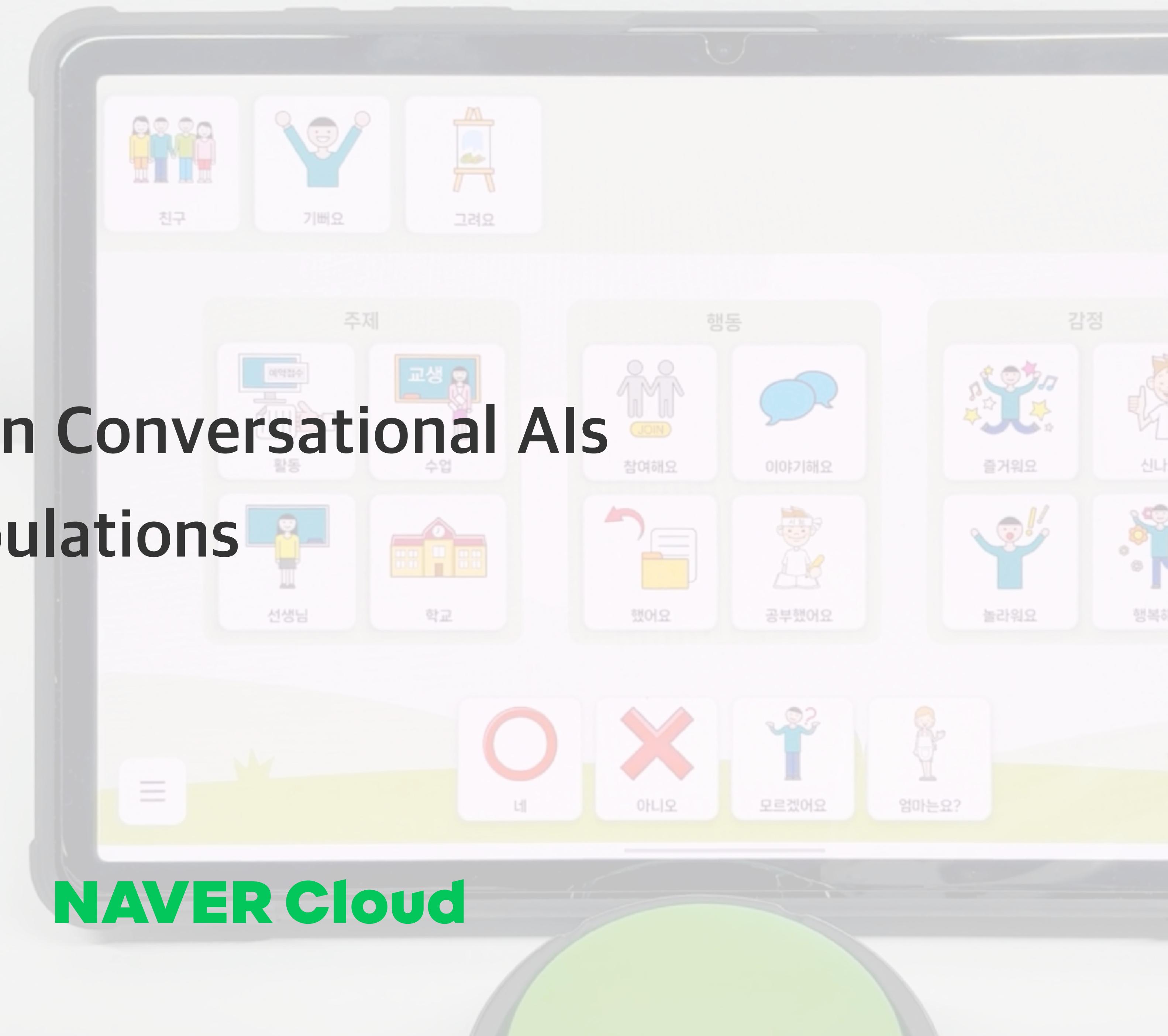
Designing LLM-driven Conversational AIs for Marginalized Populations

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Machine Learning

Backbone Modeling

Generative AI

Healthcare AI

Natural Language Processing

Human-Computer Interaction

Inclusive AIs for Health and Well-being

What is Human-Computer Interaction?

An interdisciplinary area where we **understand people in relation with technology** and investigate how to engineer and design **useful and usable computing systems**.

This screenshot shows a conversational interface between a user and a chatbot named ChaCha. The user asks about favorite books, and the bot responds with Harry Potter. It also provides ASL glossing for the phrase "Jump up to the top".

Chatbot for children's emotions (2023)

Hello, Claire! I'm ChaCha. I'm also 12 years old! 😊 I like finding interesting stories in everyday life. And I also like talking to many friends! 😊 What do you like to do, Claire?

I like playing the violin and reading books.

Wow, that's impressive! You're really talented! I also like reading books 📚 Especially adventure stories or ones that stimulate the imagination. What's the most interesting book you've read recently?

Harry Potter!

Oh cool, I love Harry Potter too! 📚 Which is your favorite book in the series? Mine is the "Prisoner of Azkaban."

Type what you want to say here!

Jump up to the top, LeBron

JUMP UP TOP (F.S) L-E-B-R-O-N

JUMP UP TOP L-E-B-R-O-N

JUMP RISE REACH TOP L-E-B-R-O-N

Ding-dong, call me on my phone

Insert gloss translation

Ice tea and a game of ping pong

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[Pre-Chorus: RM, j-hope]

This is gettin' heavy, can you hear the bass boom? I'm ready

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What does the phrase "jump up to the top" suggest to you in your own life or experiences?

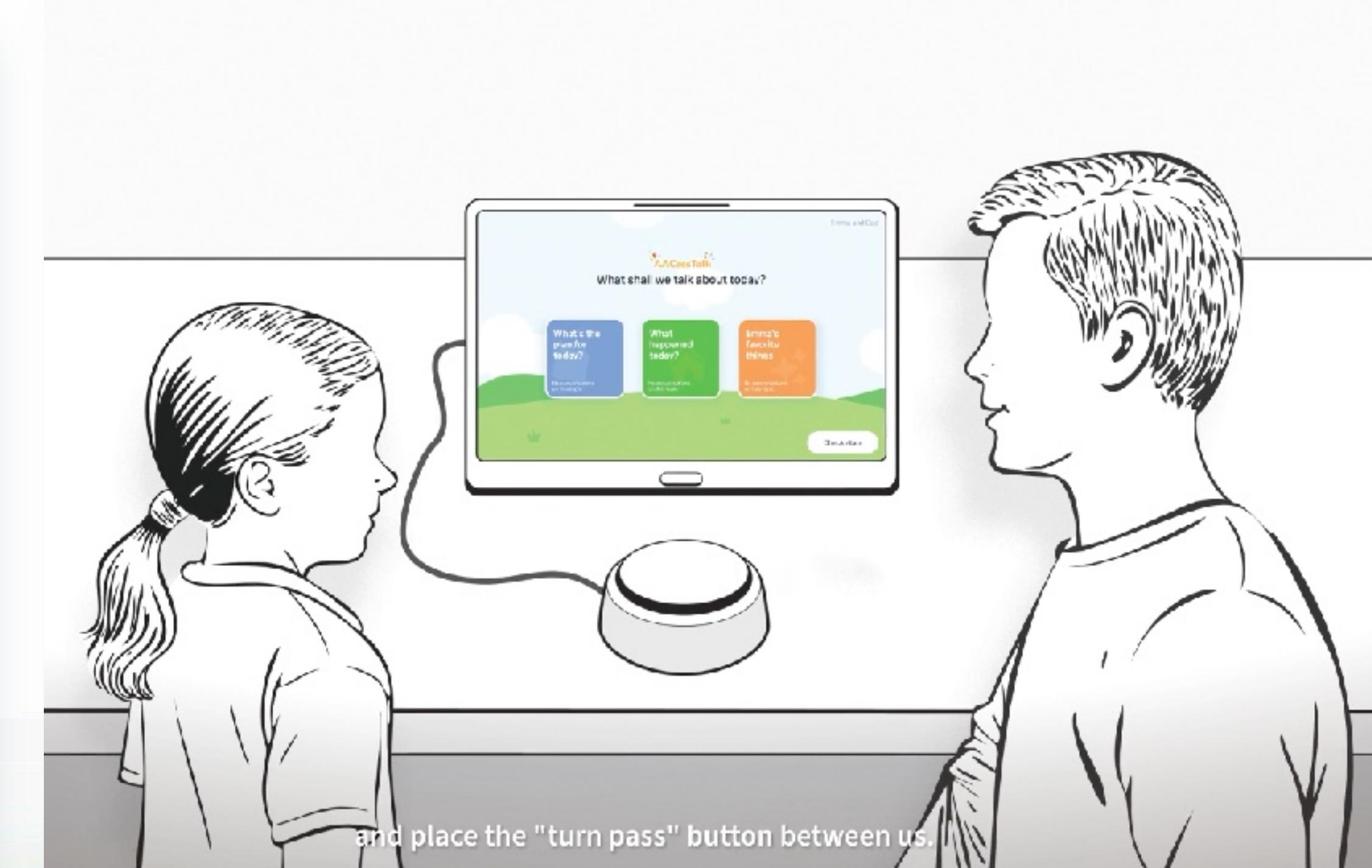
E For glossing this line in ASL, let's break it down:

1. "Jump up": This can be glossed as JUMP-UP with a strong upward motion.
2. "to the top": Add TOP which is a similar upward motion with a landing gesture at the highest point.
3. "LeBron": Given that LeBron James is widely recognized, you could fingerspell L-E-B-R-O-N. Alternatively, if your audience is familiar, a relevant sign like BASKETBALL FAMOUS might work after his name.

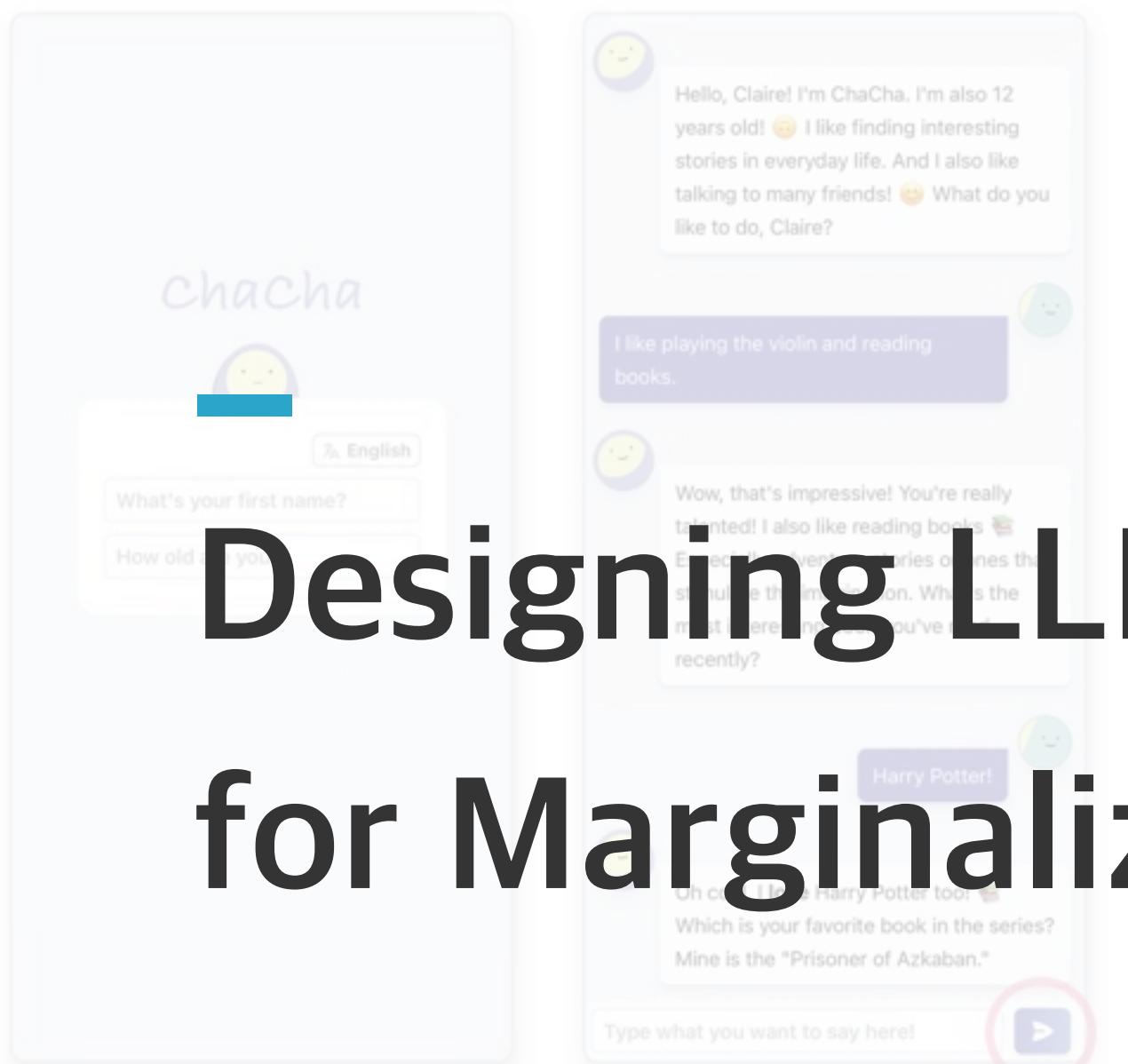
So putting them together, you could gloss it as JUMP-UP TOP L-E-B-R-O-N or JUMP-UP TOP BASKETBALL FAMOUS. How does this feel to you? Does it match the energy of the song? 🎶

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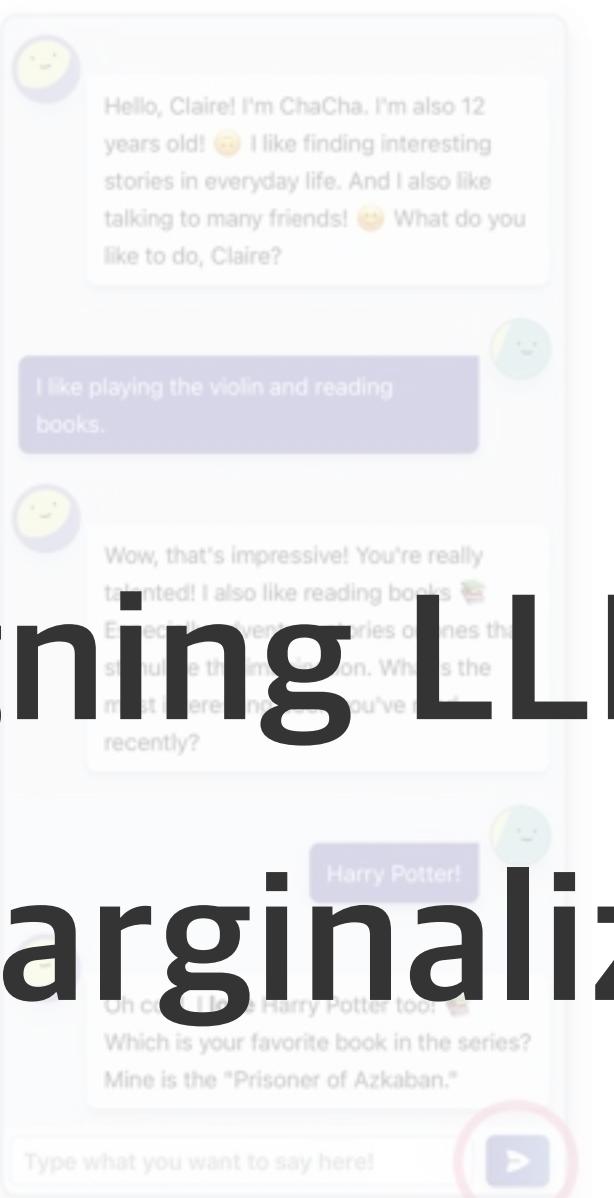
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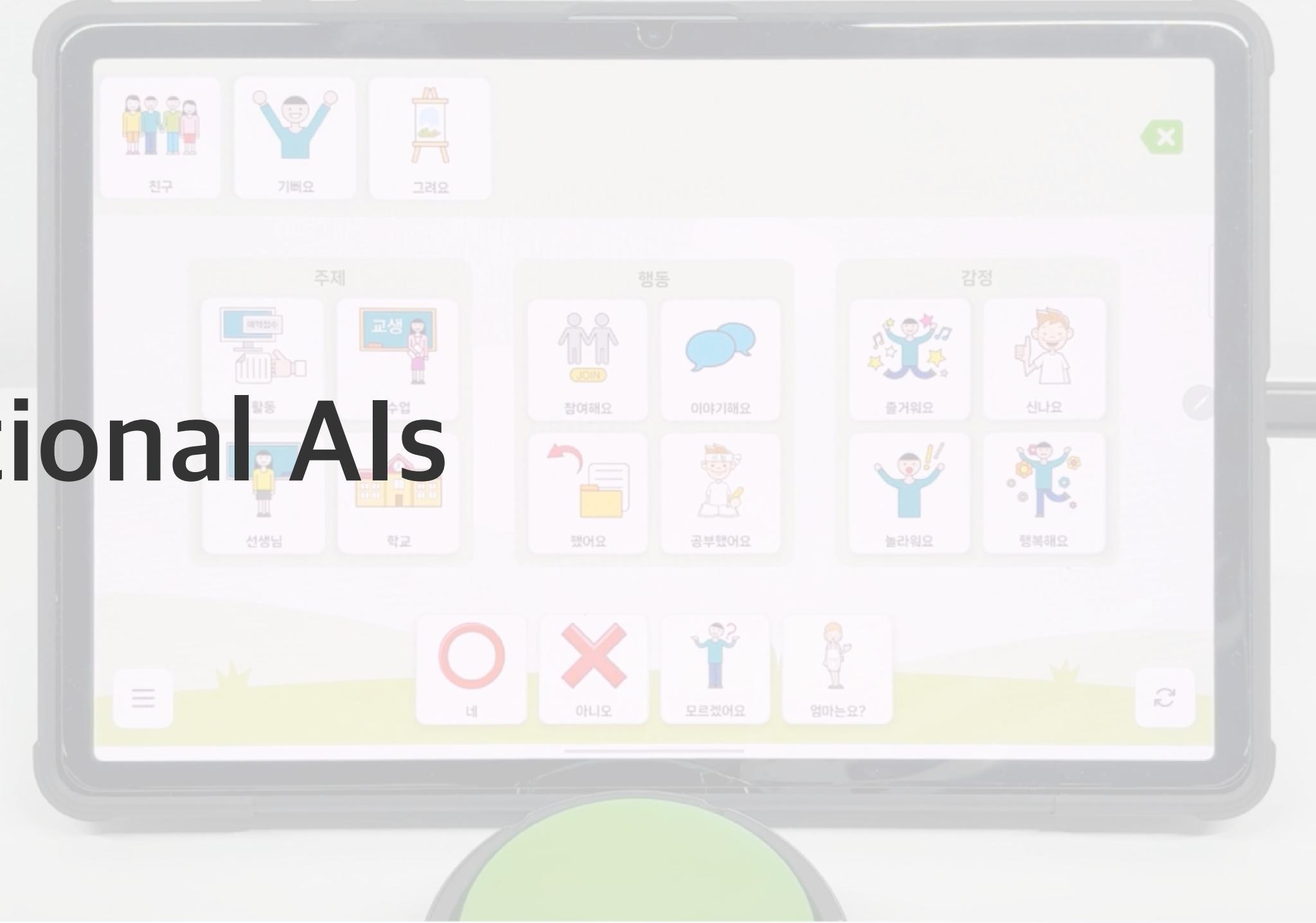
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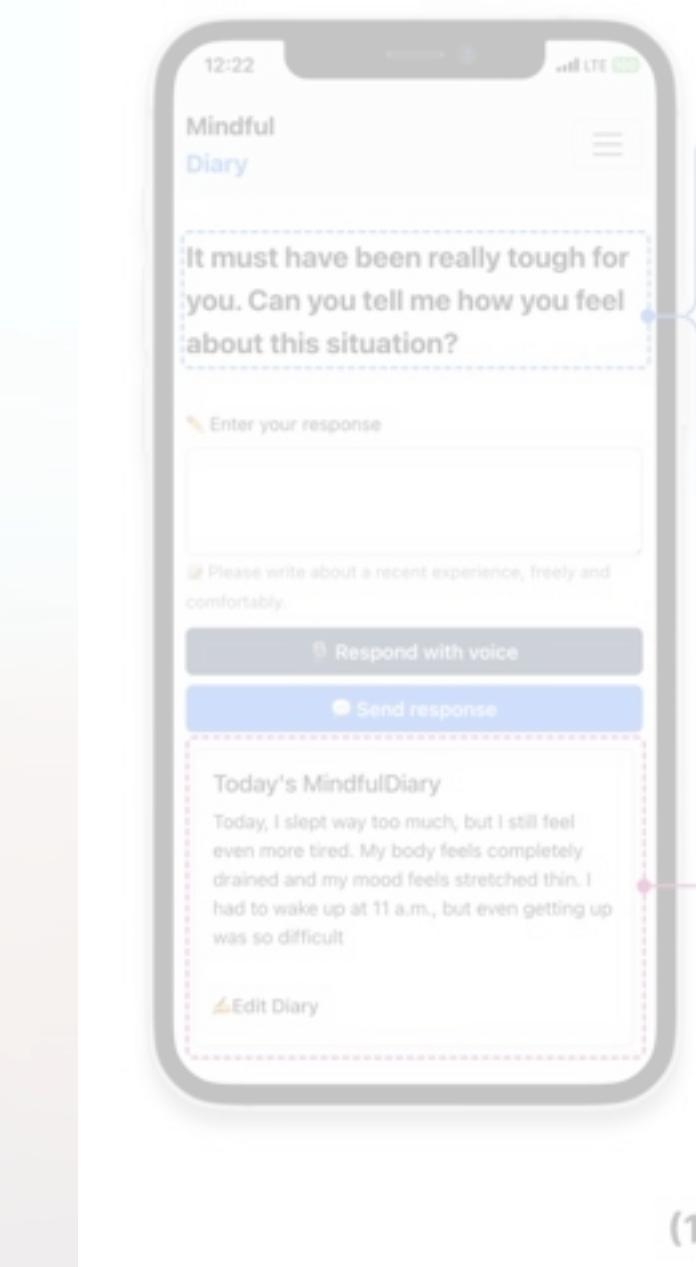
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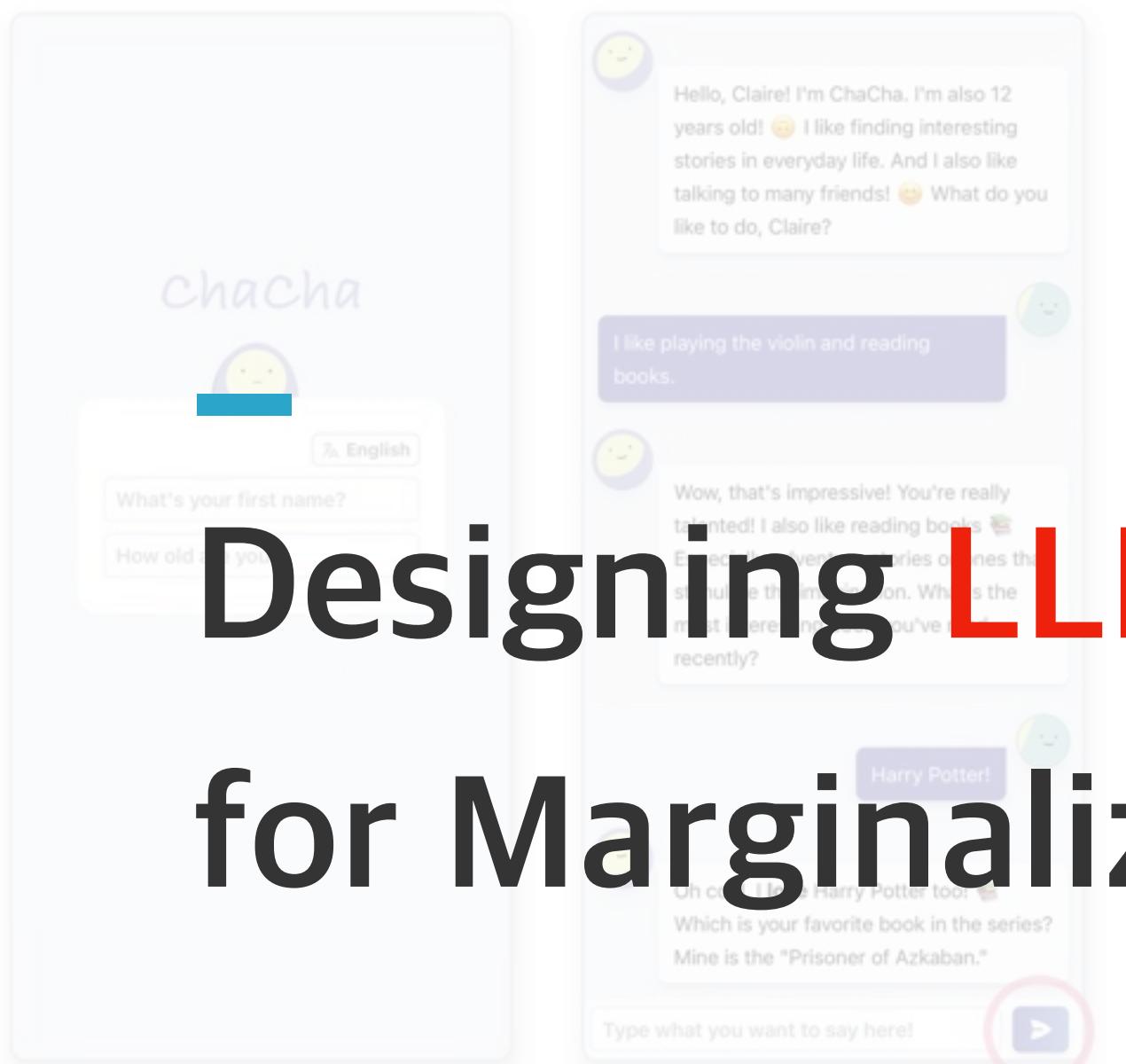
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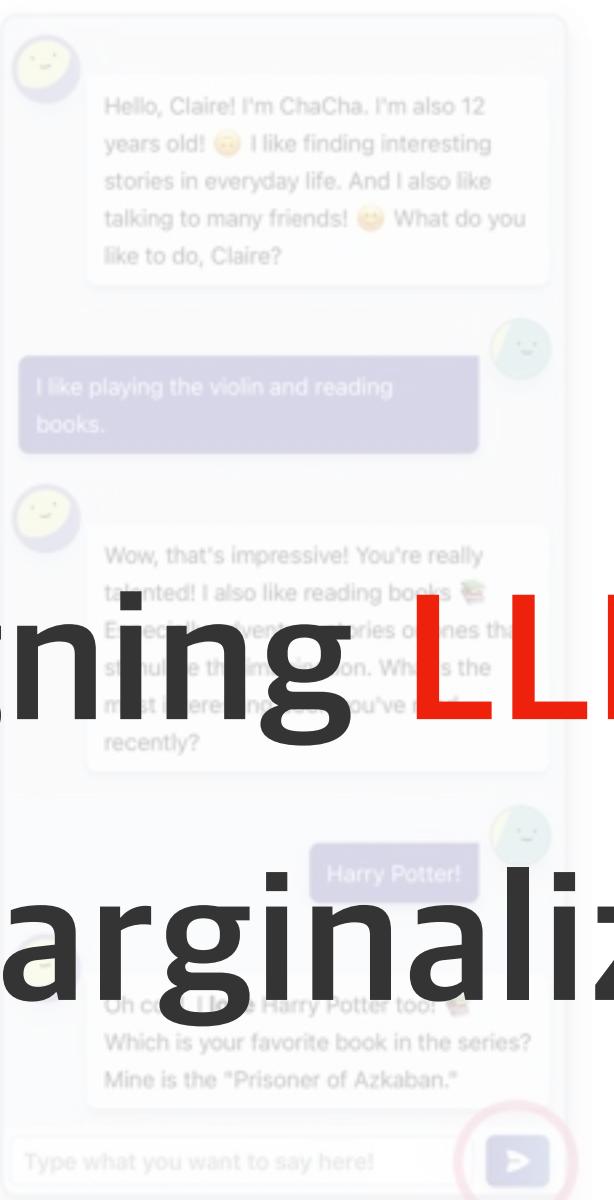
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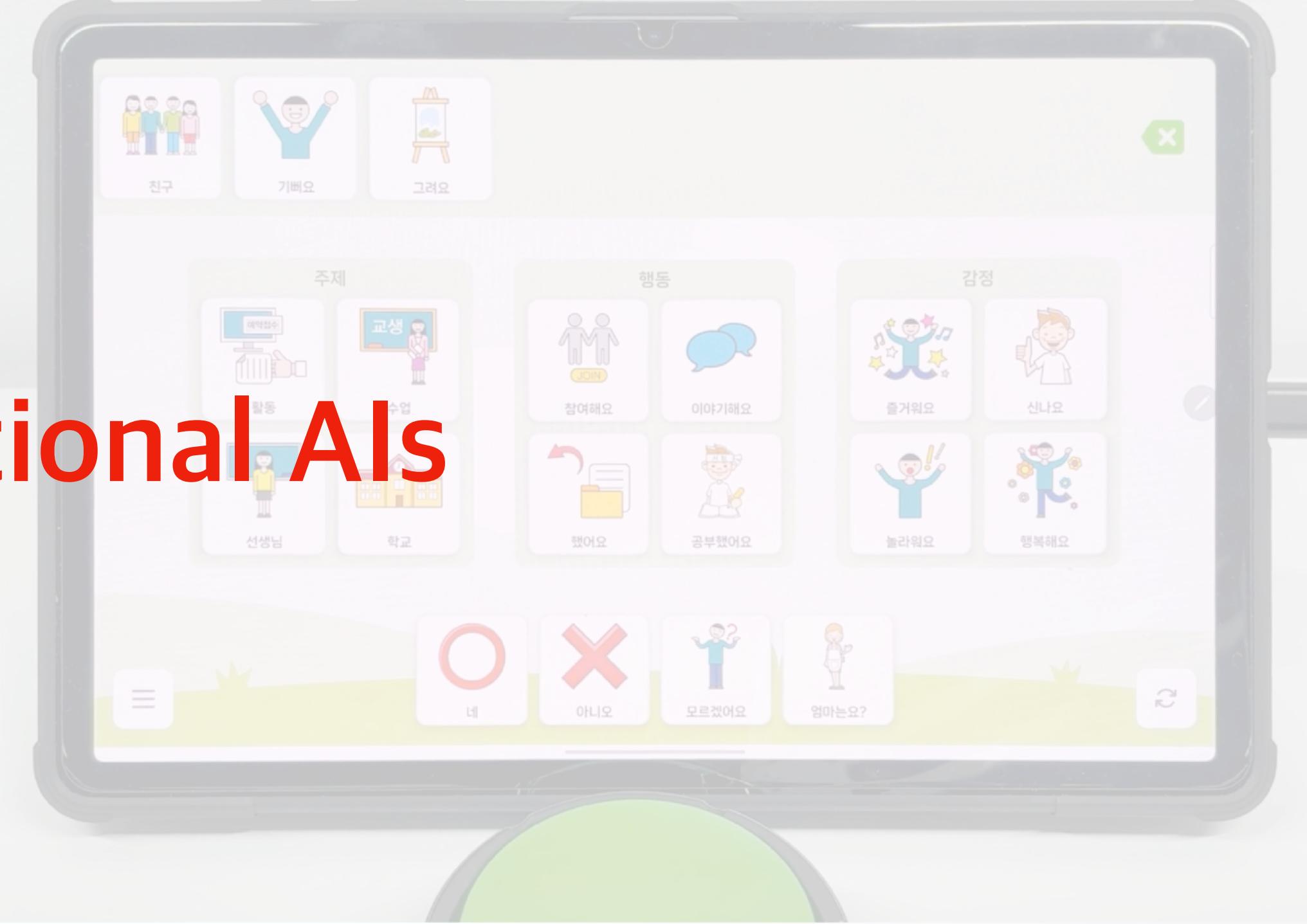
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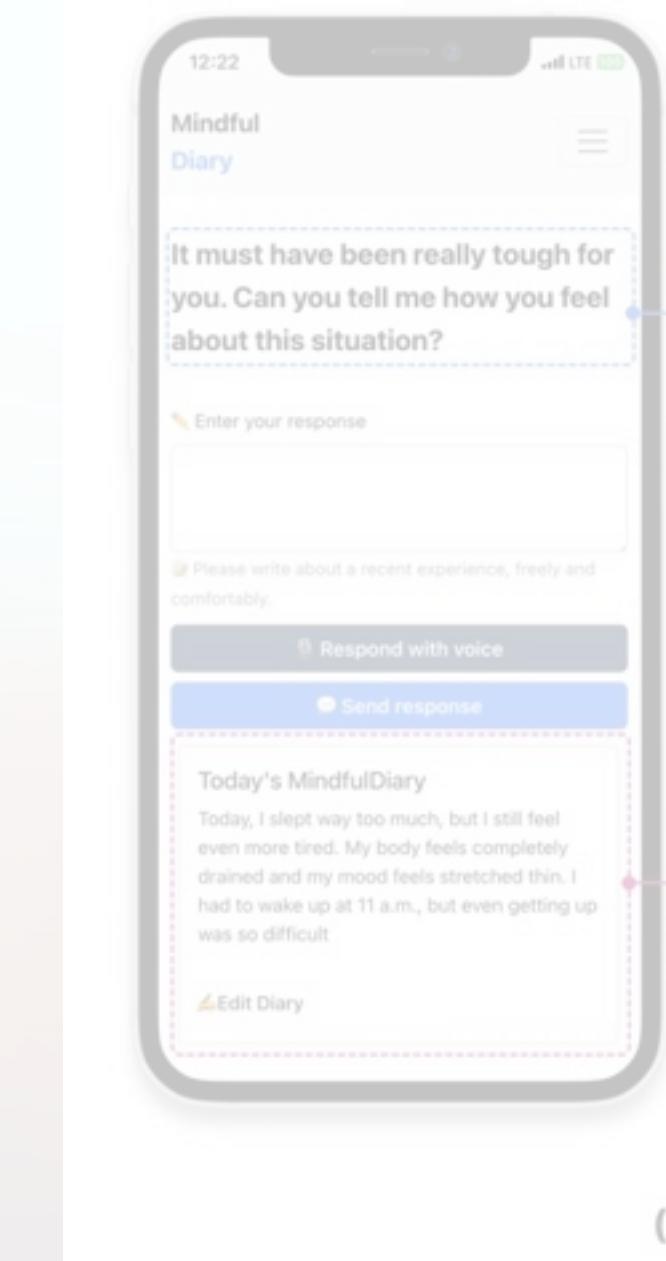
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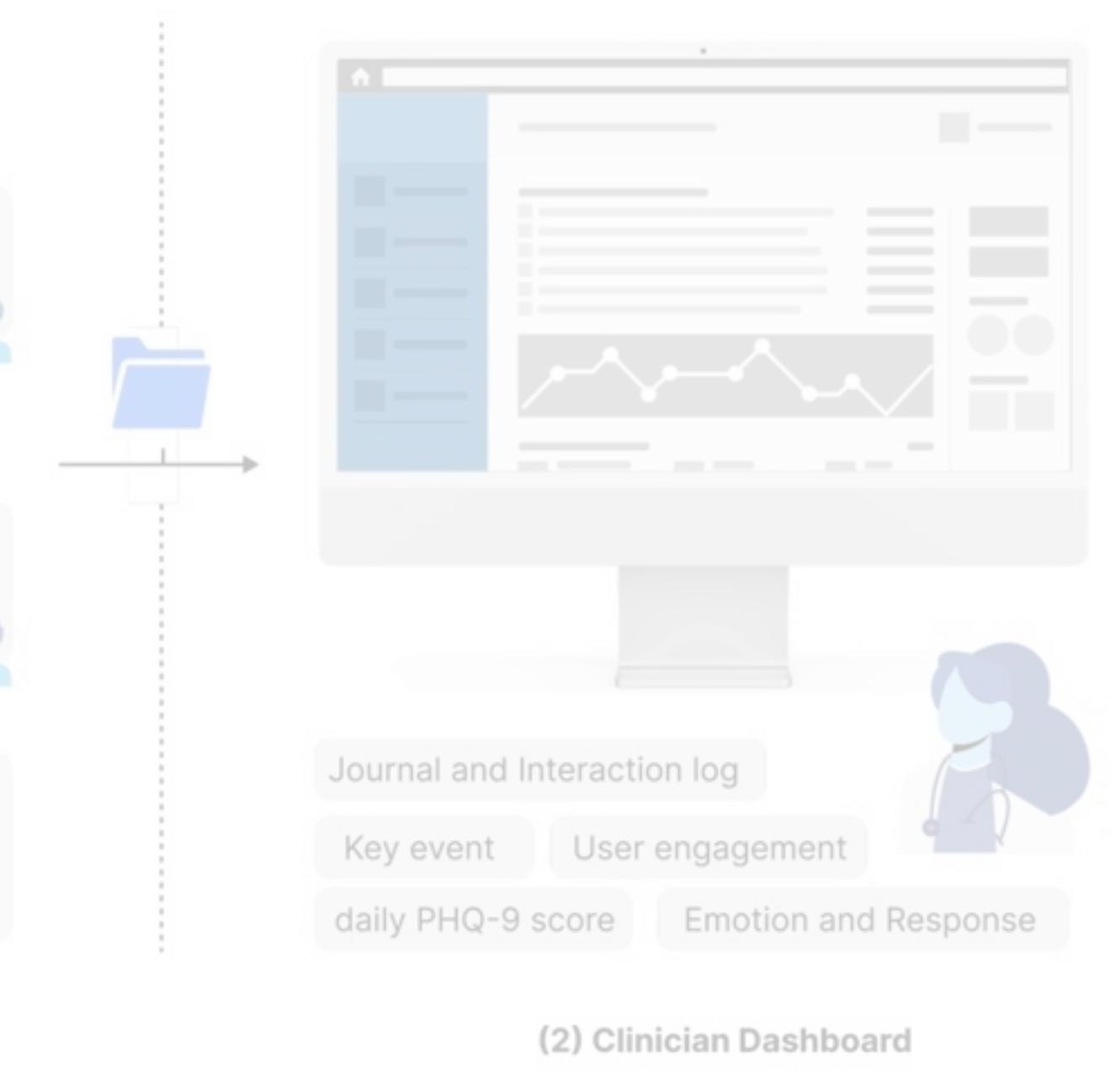
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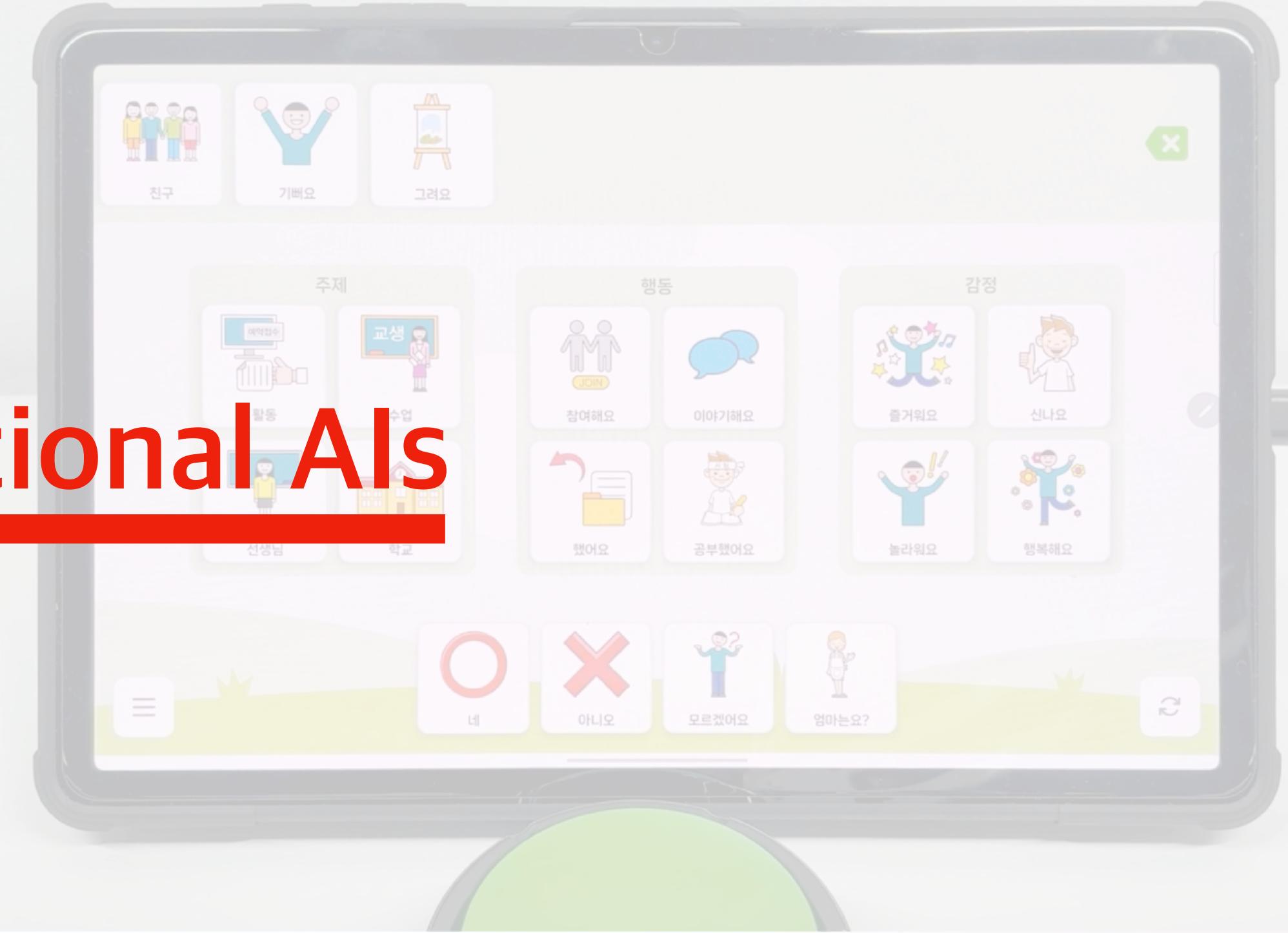


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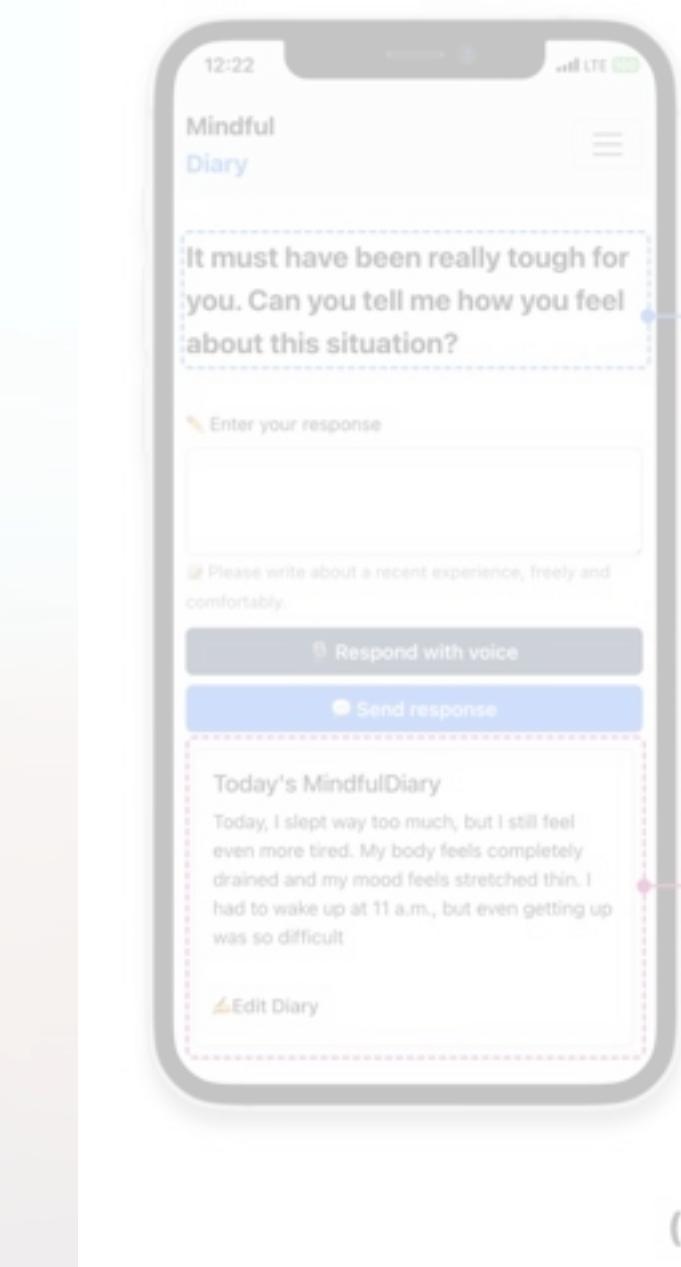


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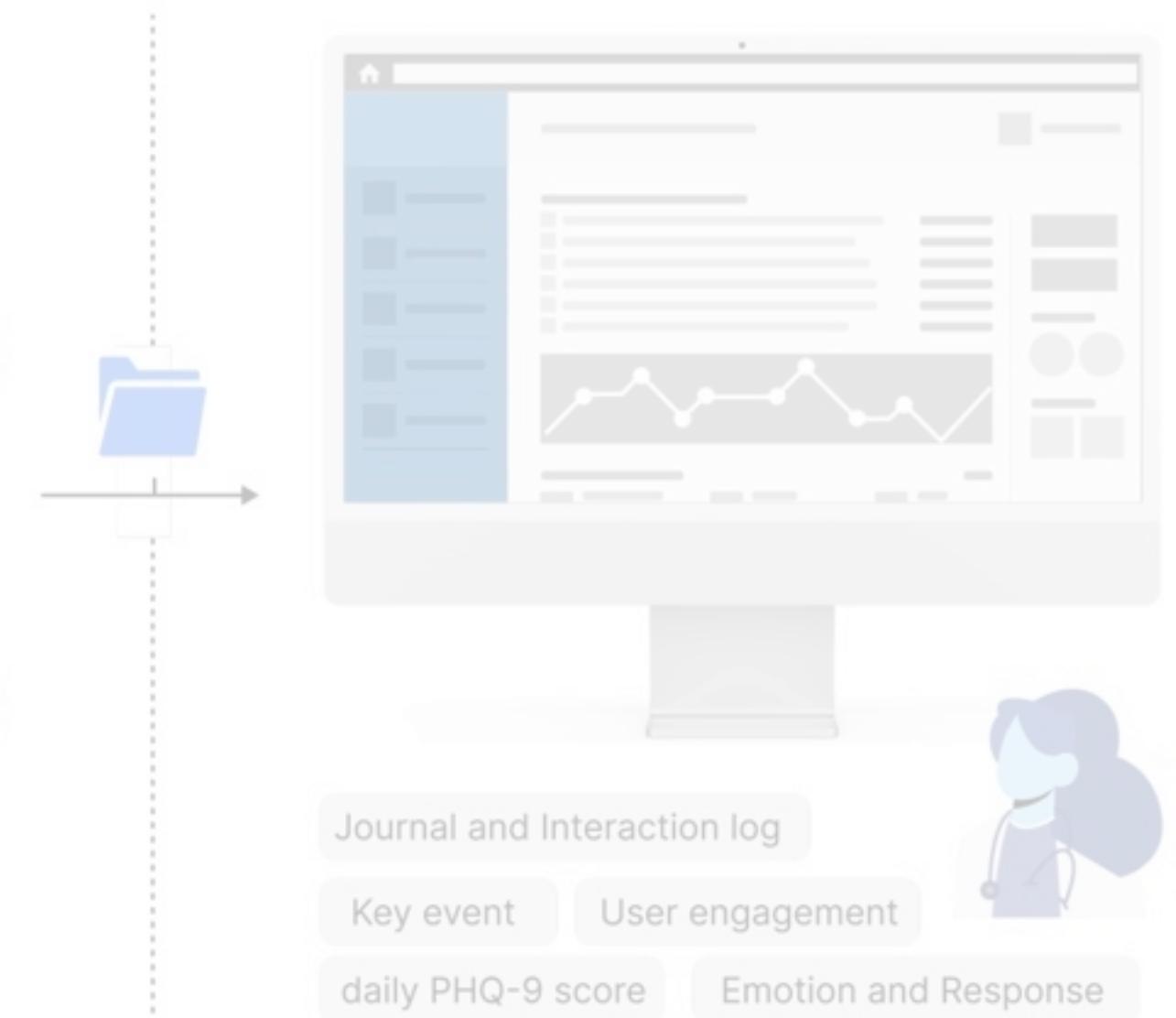
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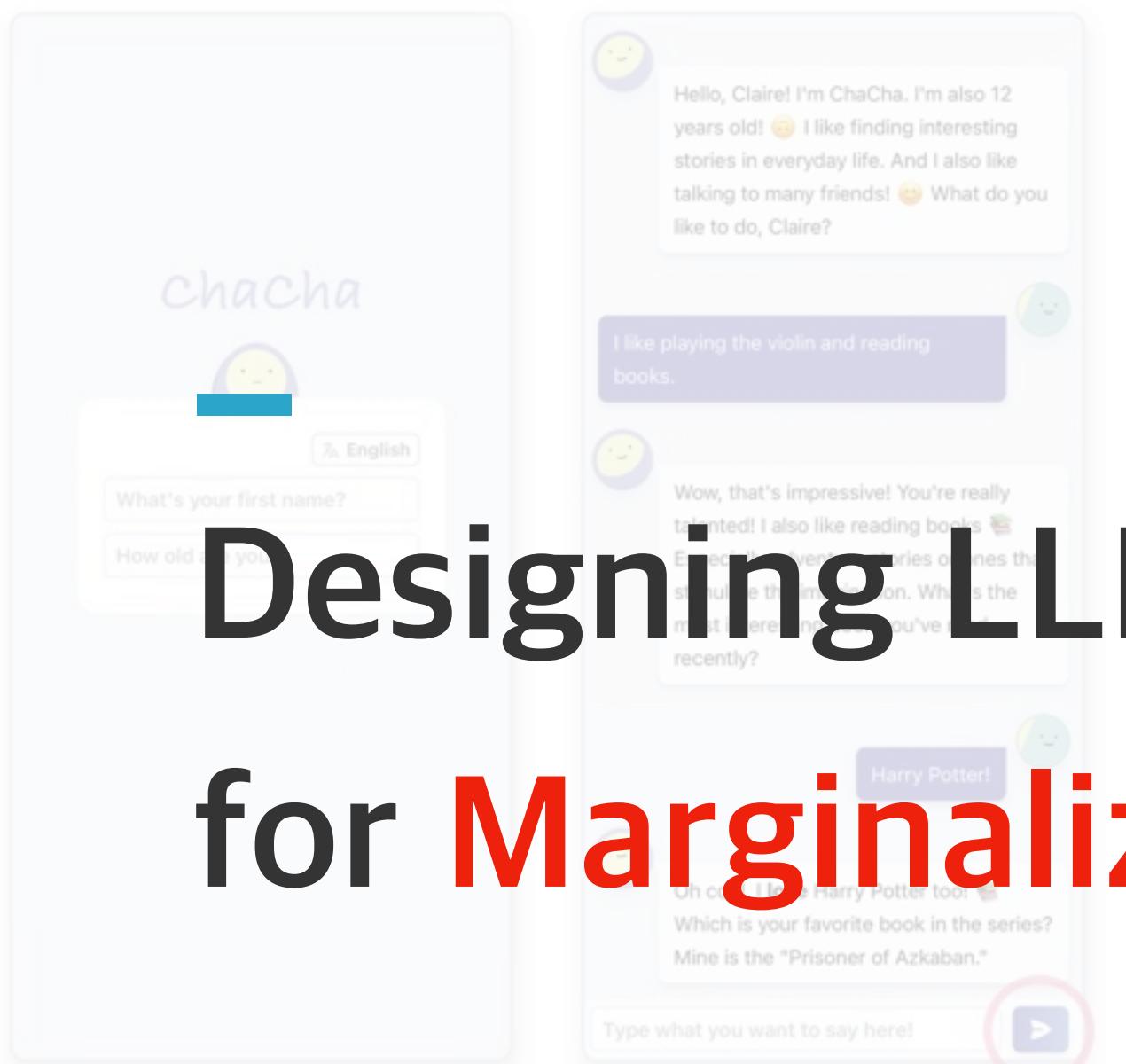
Communicating with a machine in human-like conversational ways



Why LLMs for Chatbots?

- 👌 Context follow-up
- 👌 Open-ended conversation
- 👌 Retaining a broad range of human knowledge: Covering diverse topics
- 👌 (With RLHF) Preempting supportive and empathetic attitude: Promising for emotional support
- 👌 Easy bootstrapping of novel tasks without tremendous training dataset

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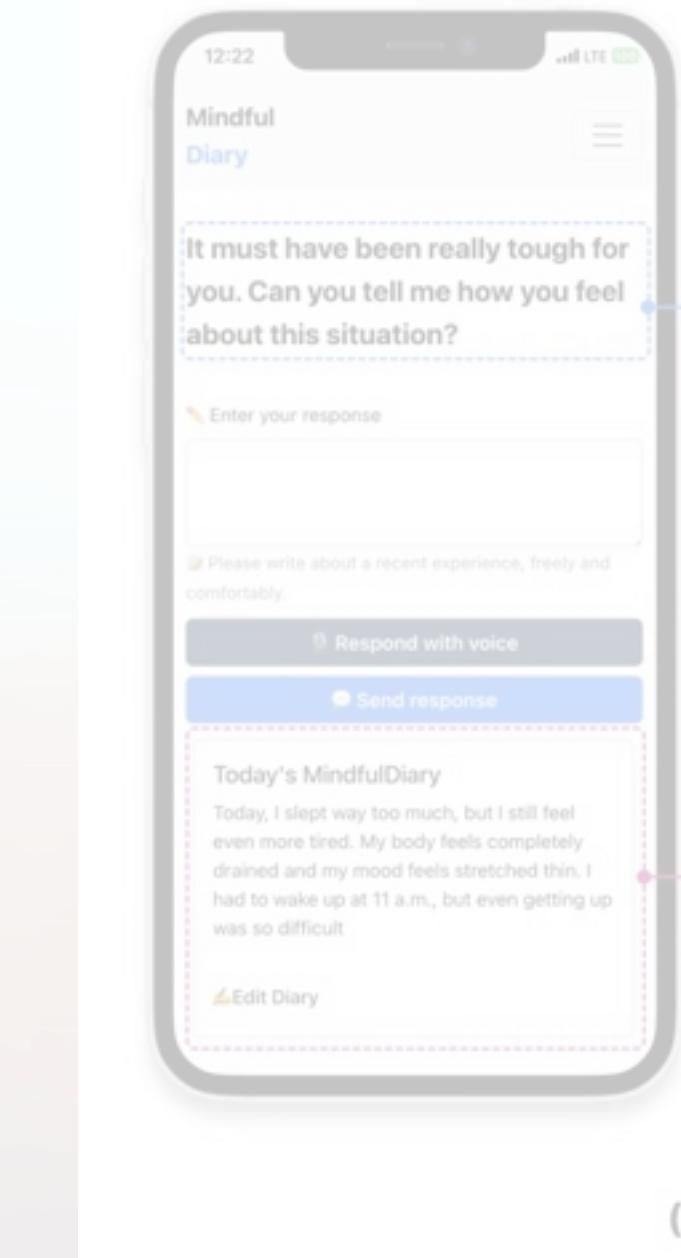


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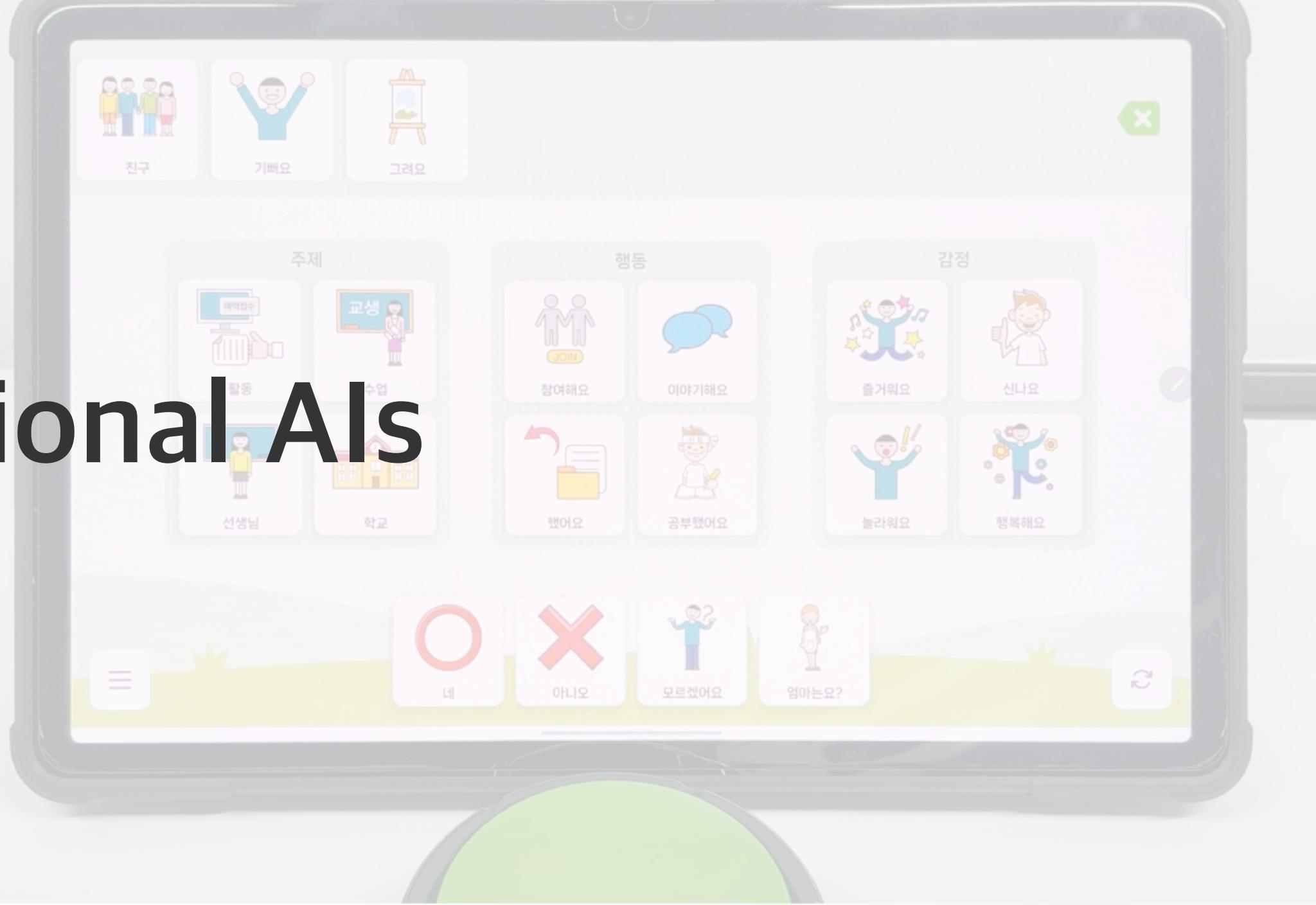
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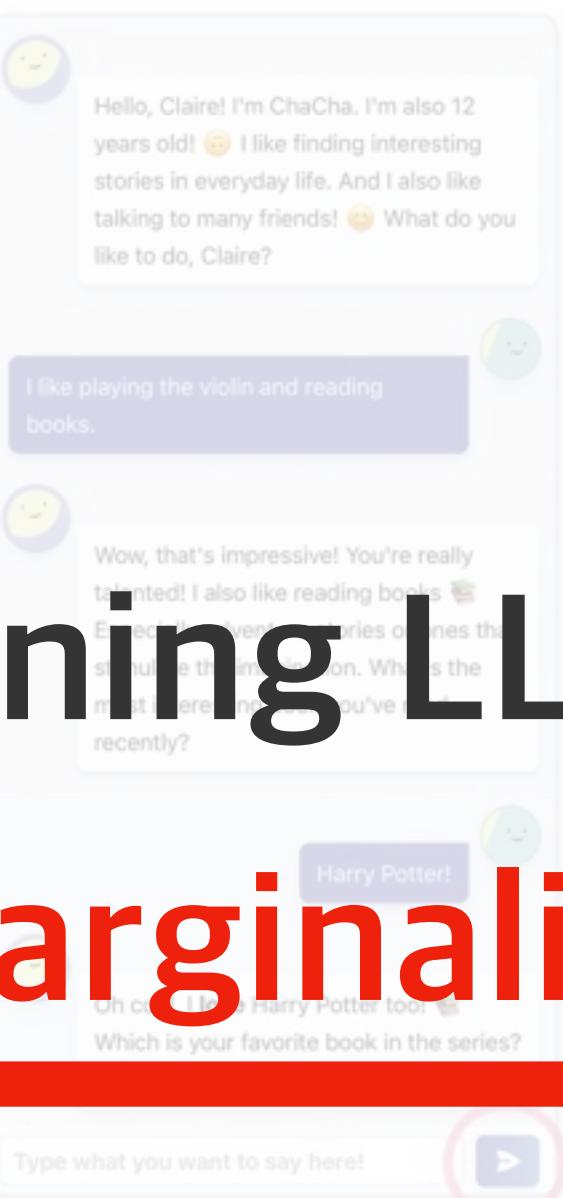


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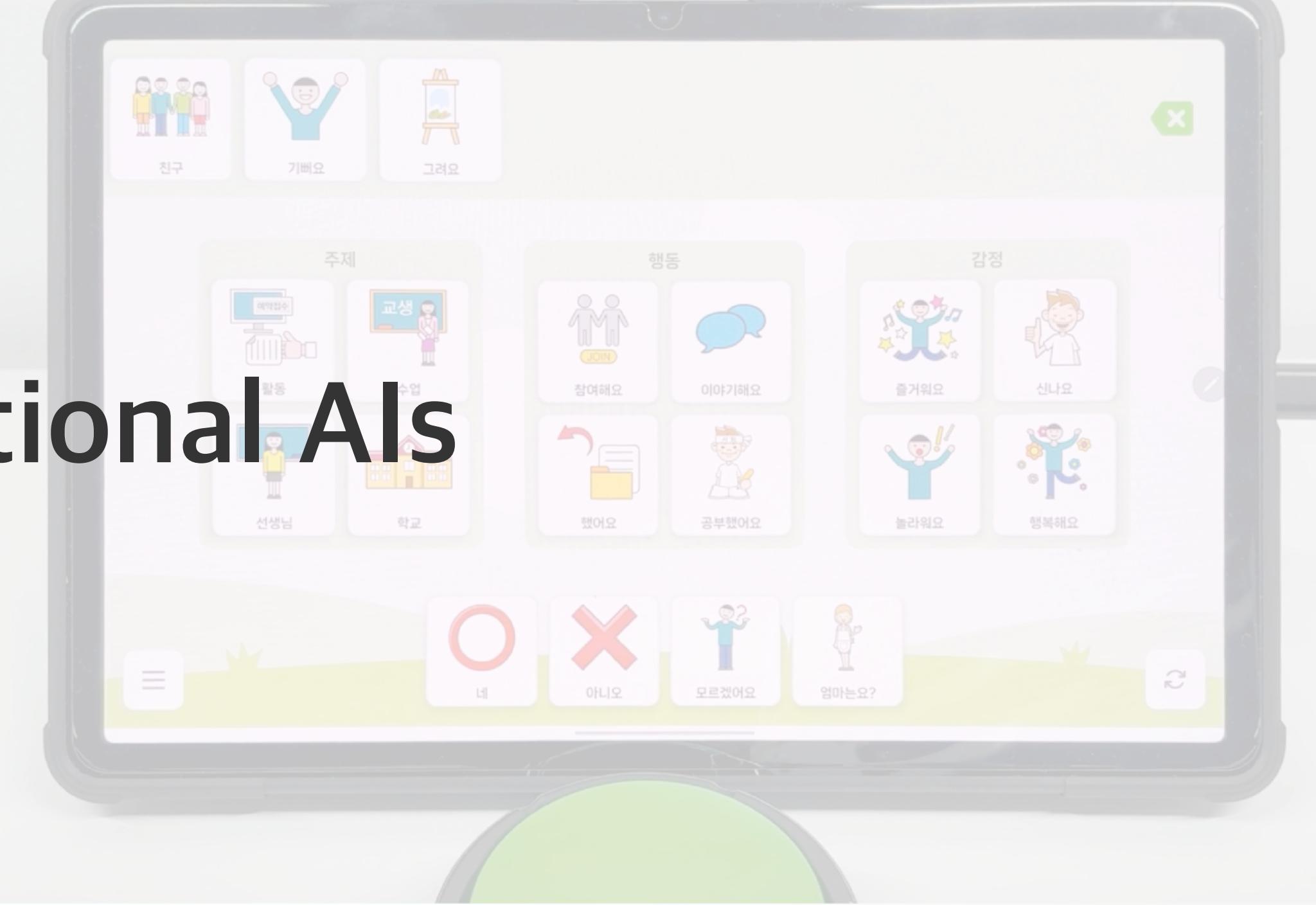
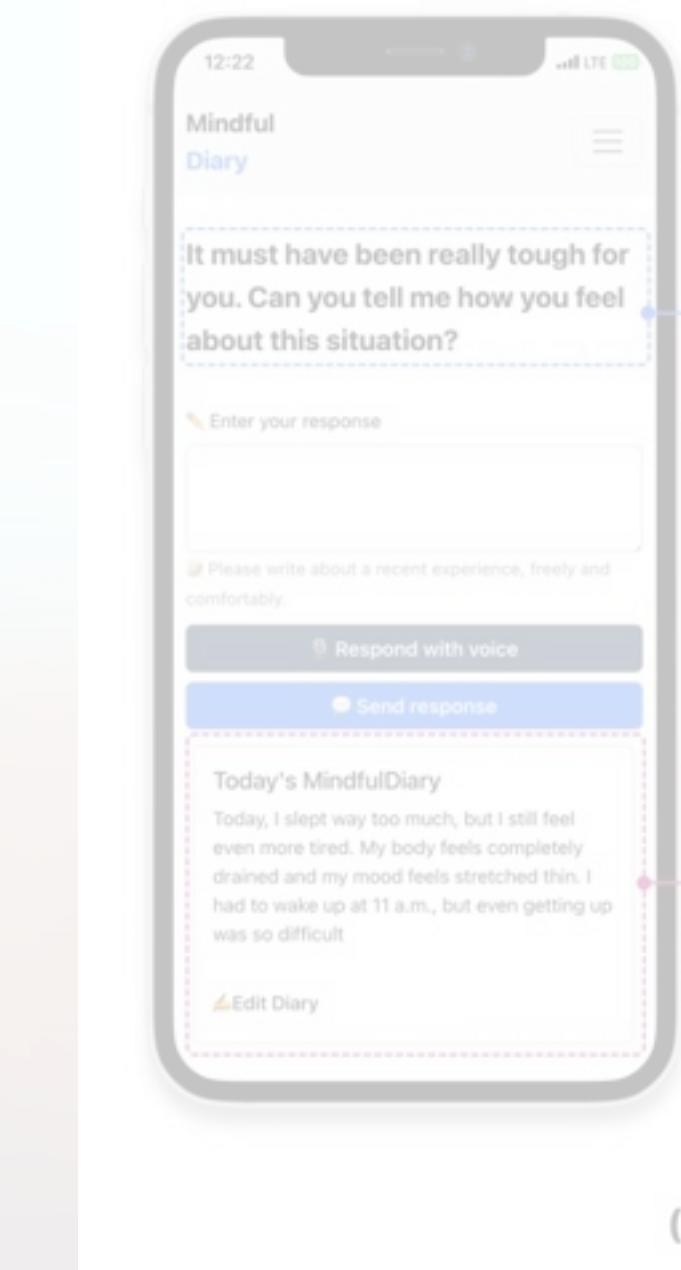


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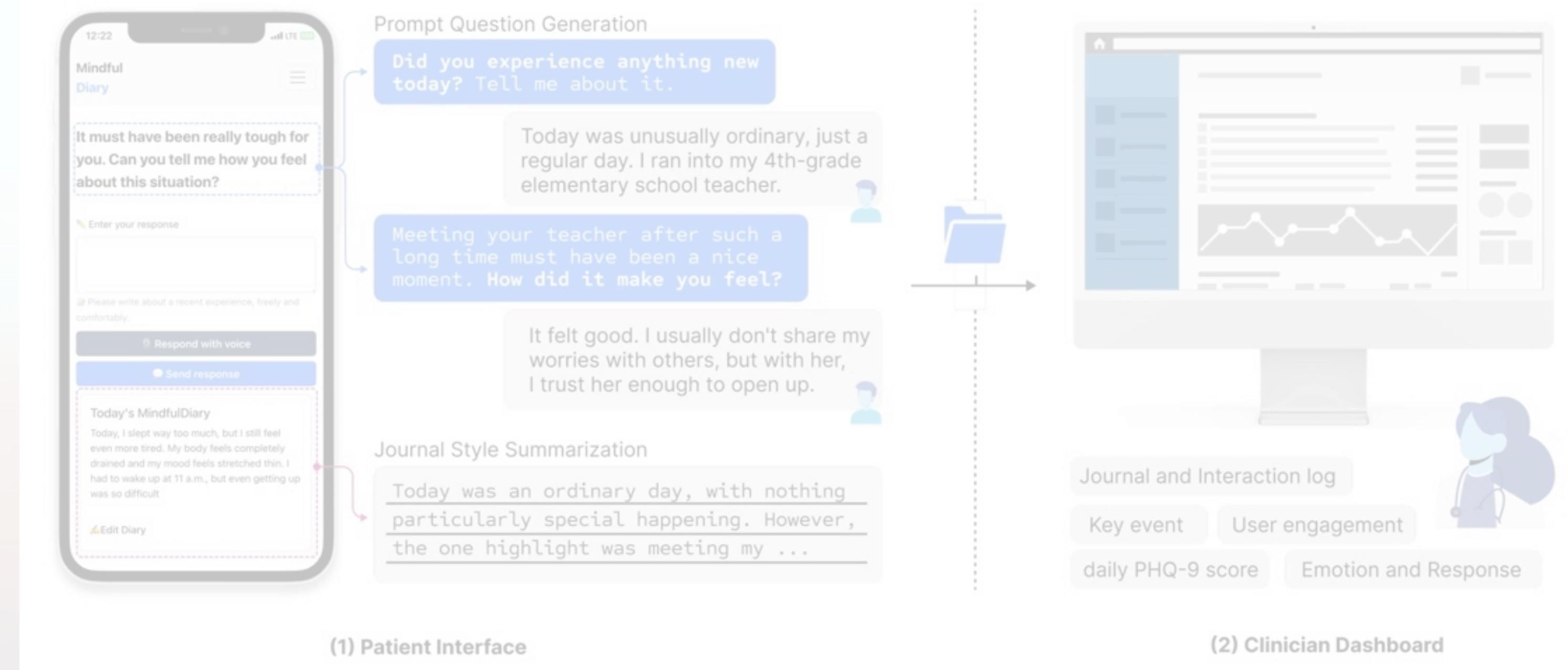


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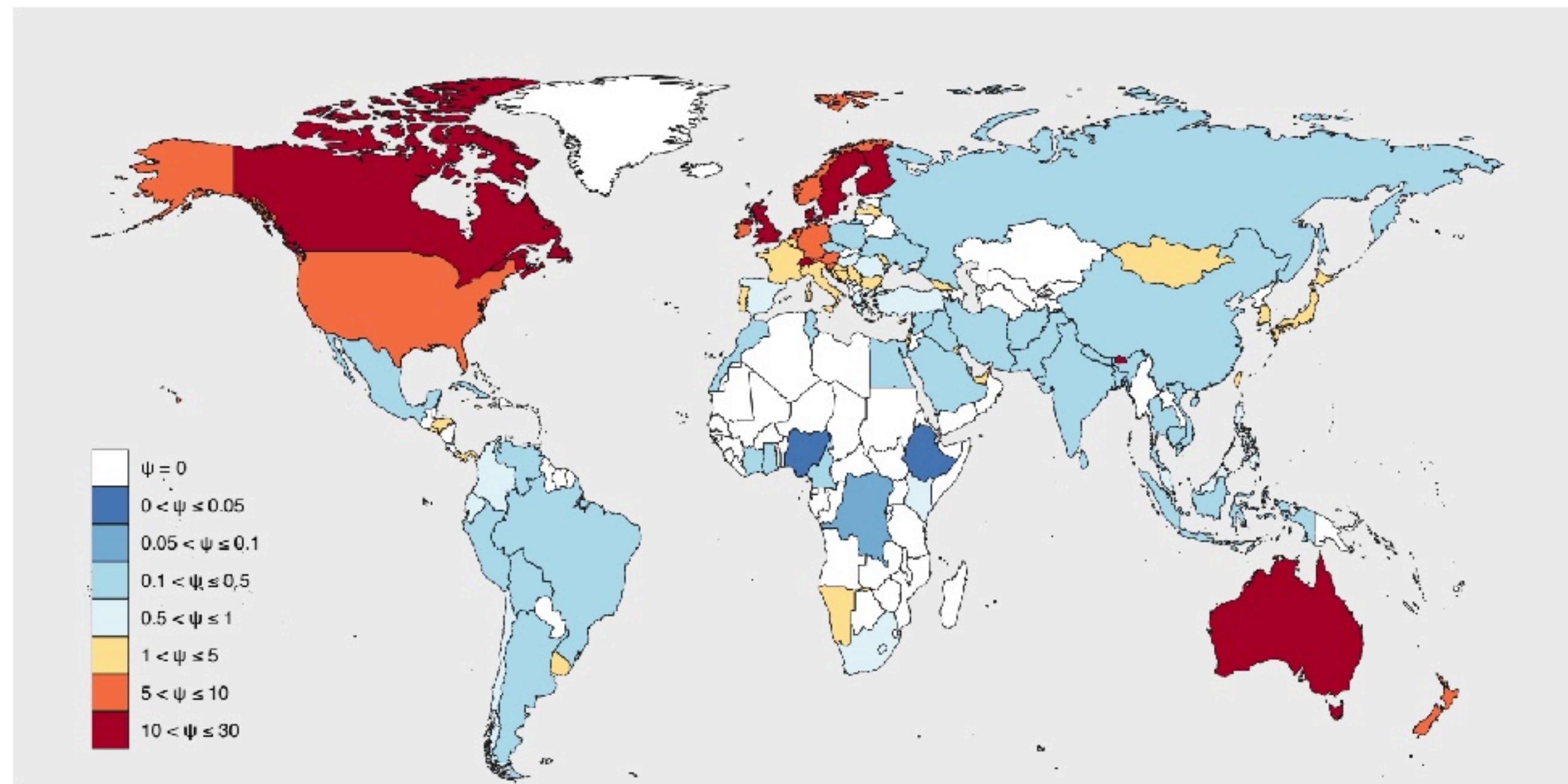


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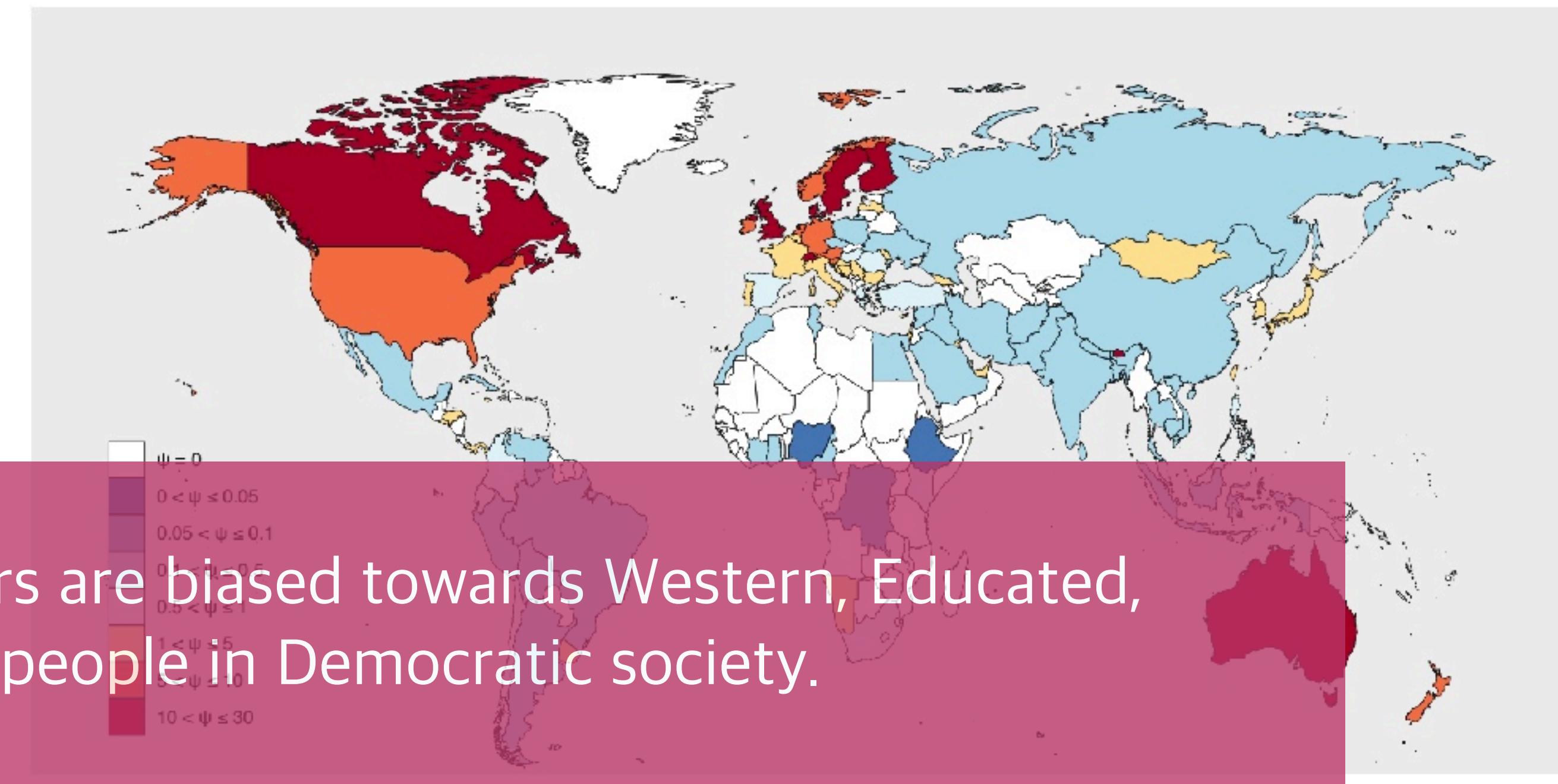


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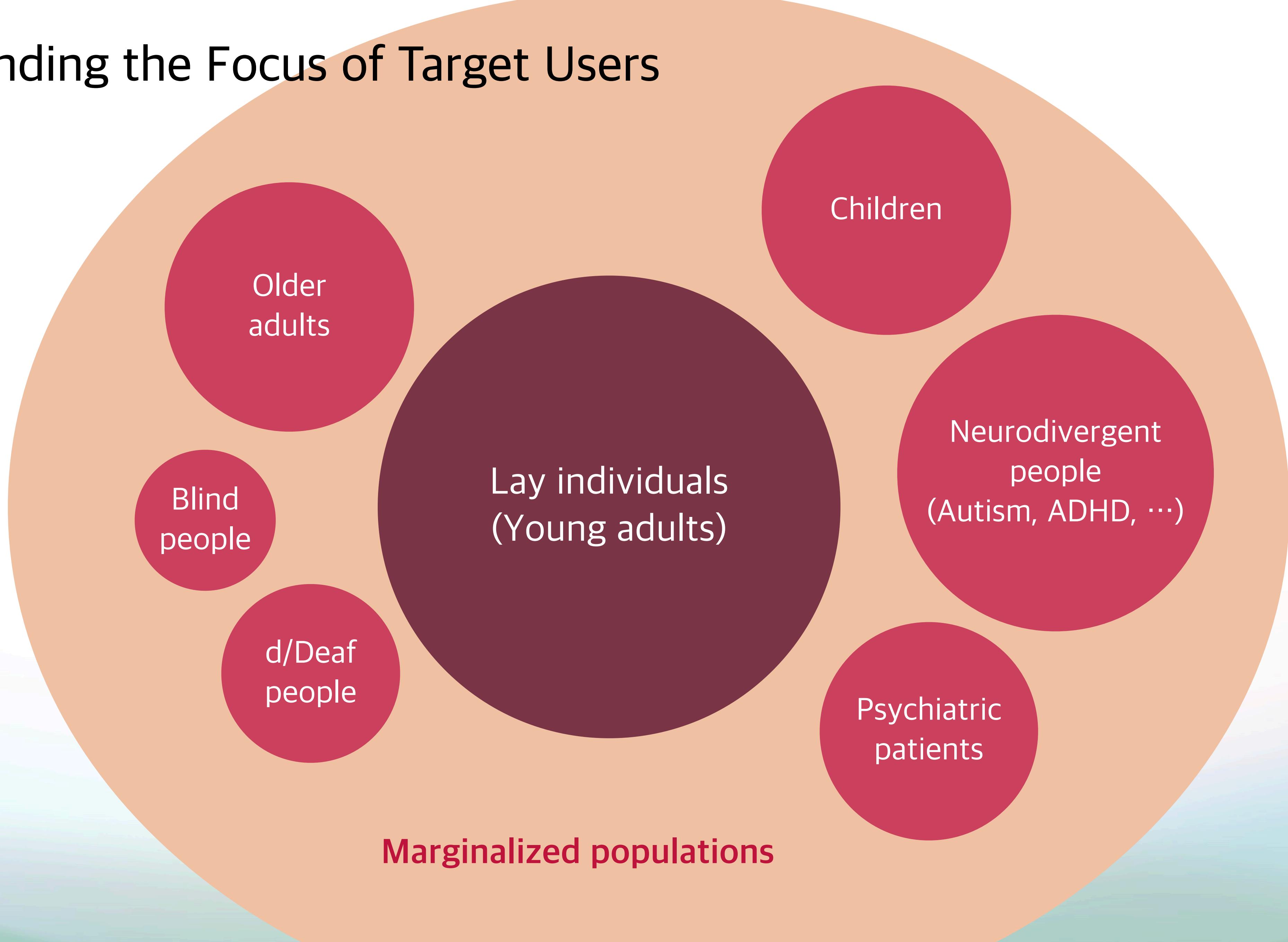
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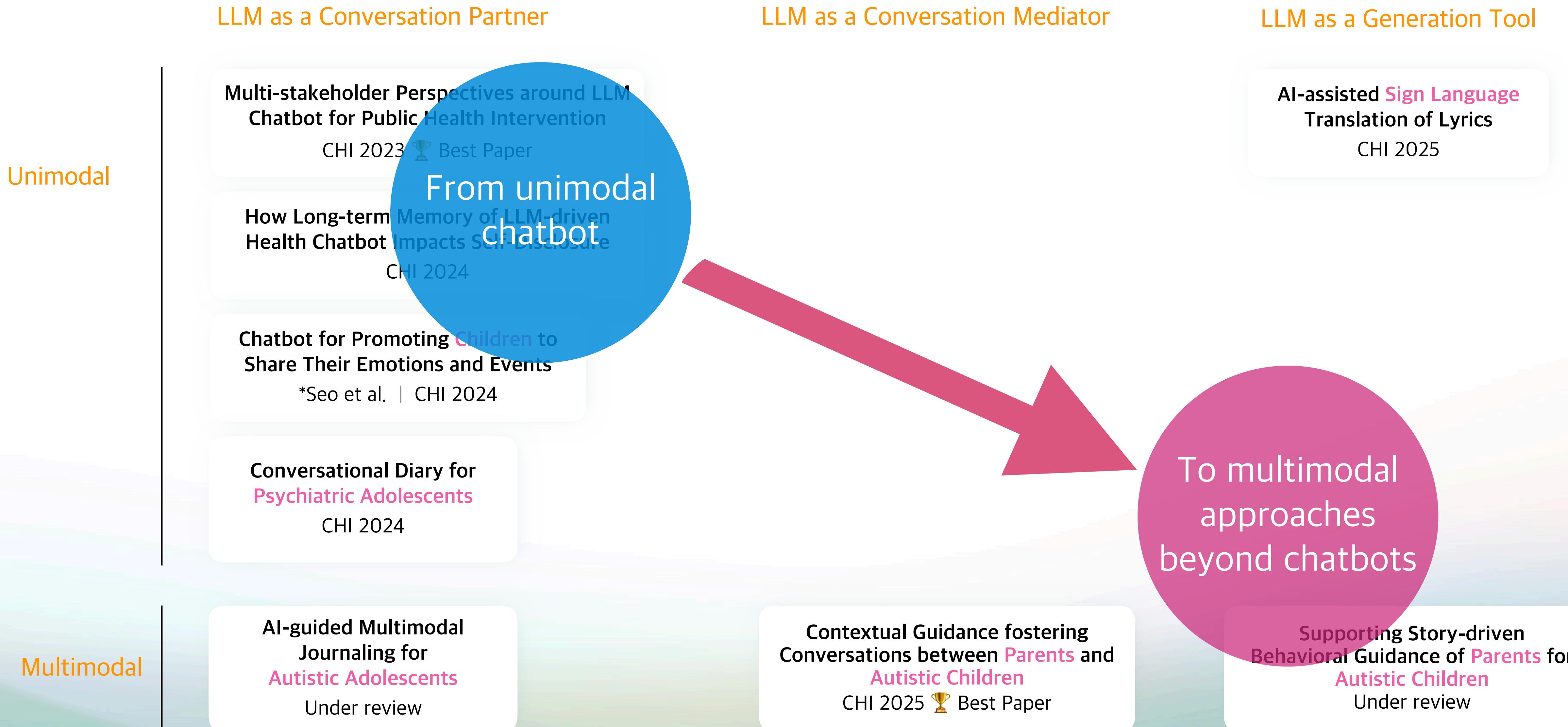
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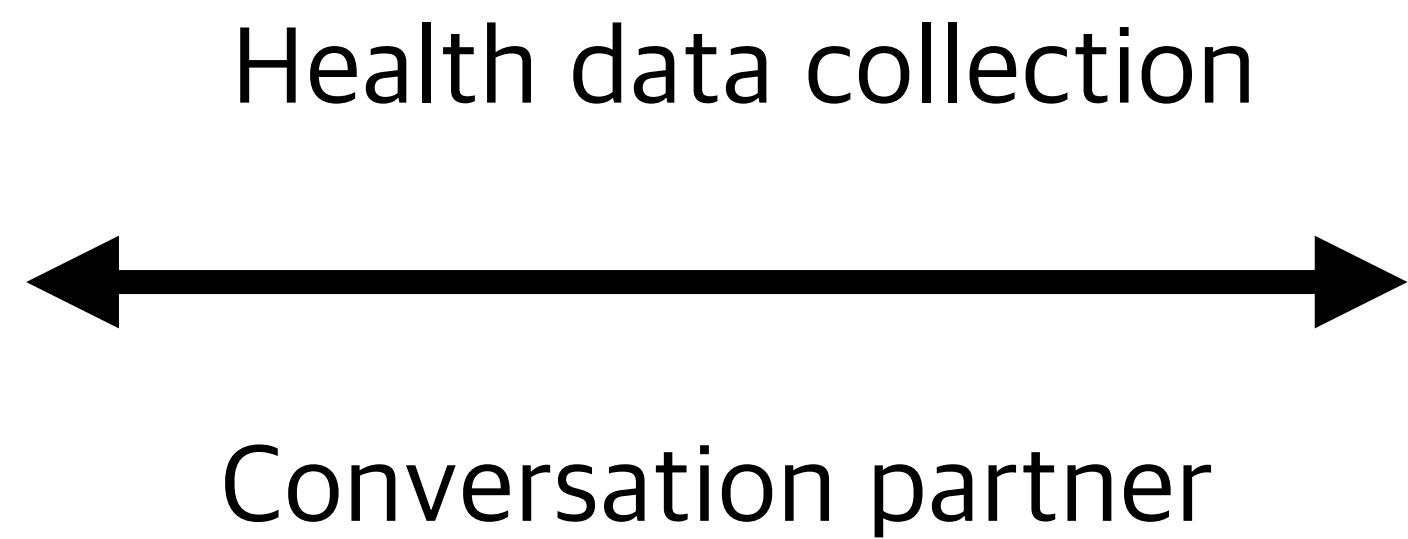
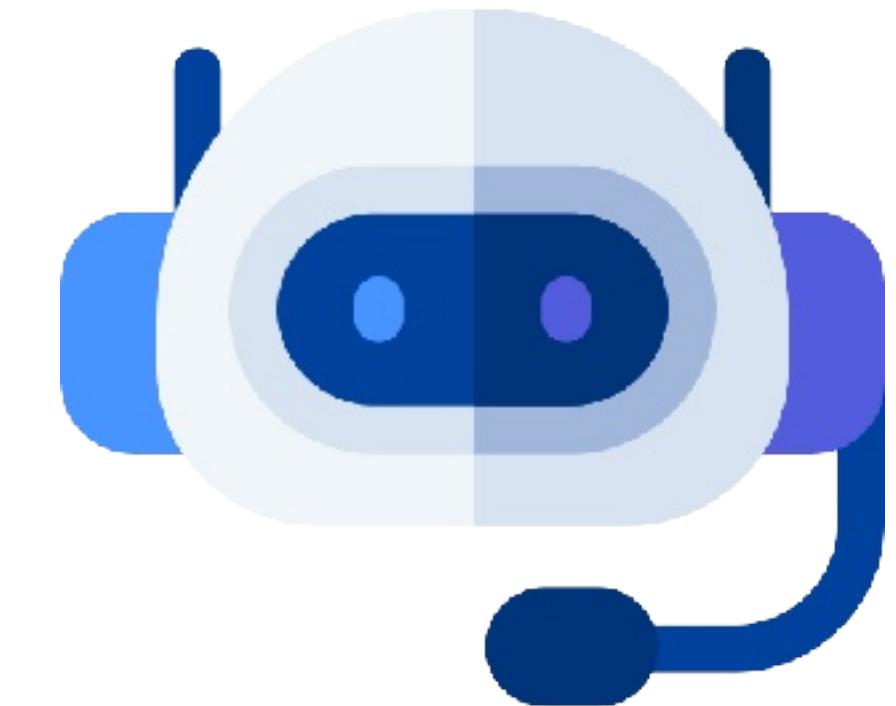


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An LLM-driven chatbot for supporting **socially isolated individuals**



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LLM-driven chatbot

Performing check-up phone calls

Socially isolated individuals

Middle-aged & older adults living alone

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Motivation: Lonely Death of Socially-Isolated People

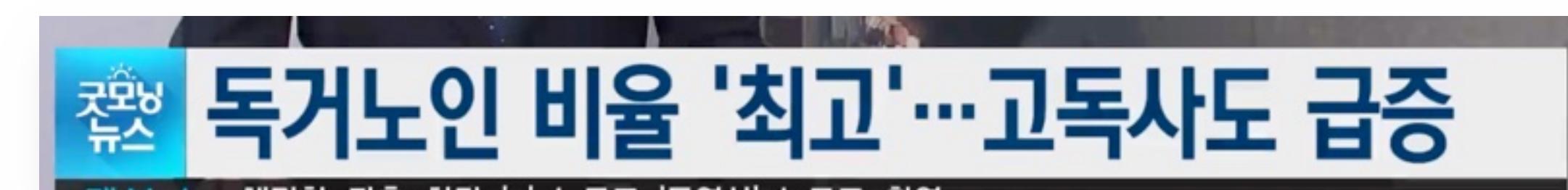
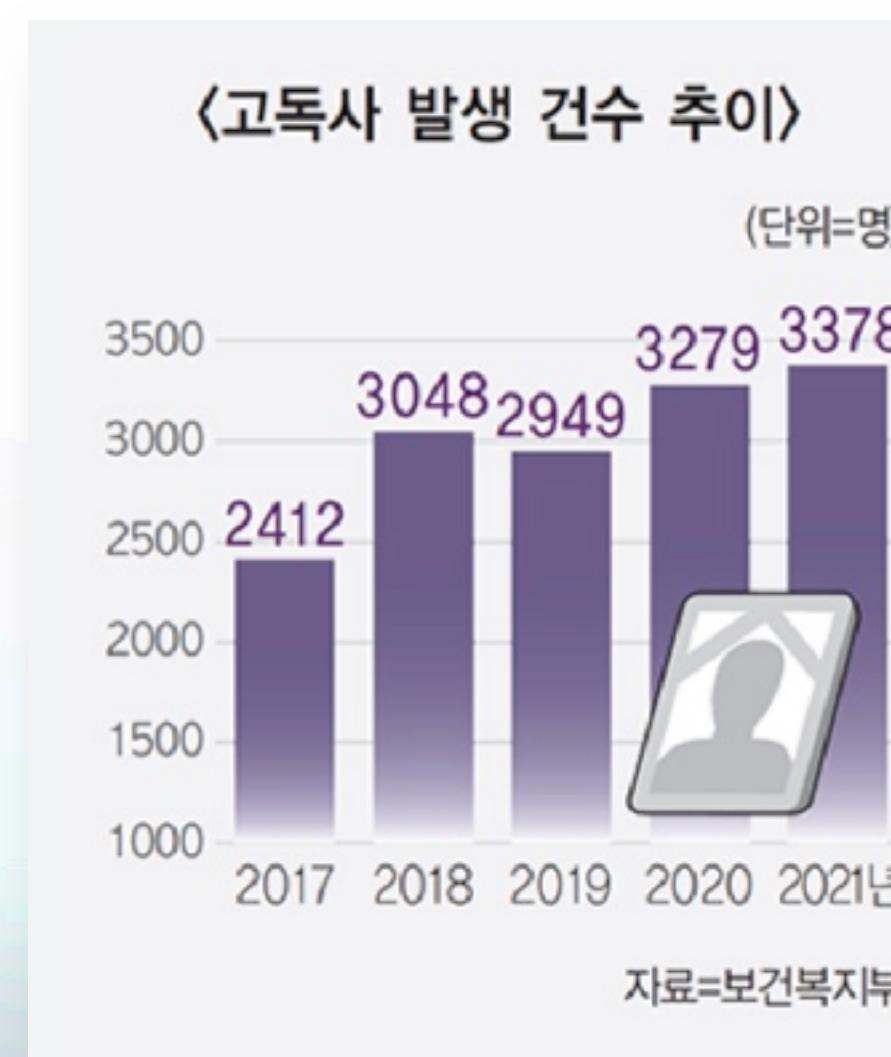
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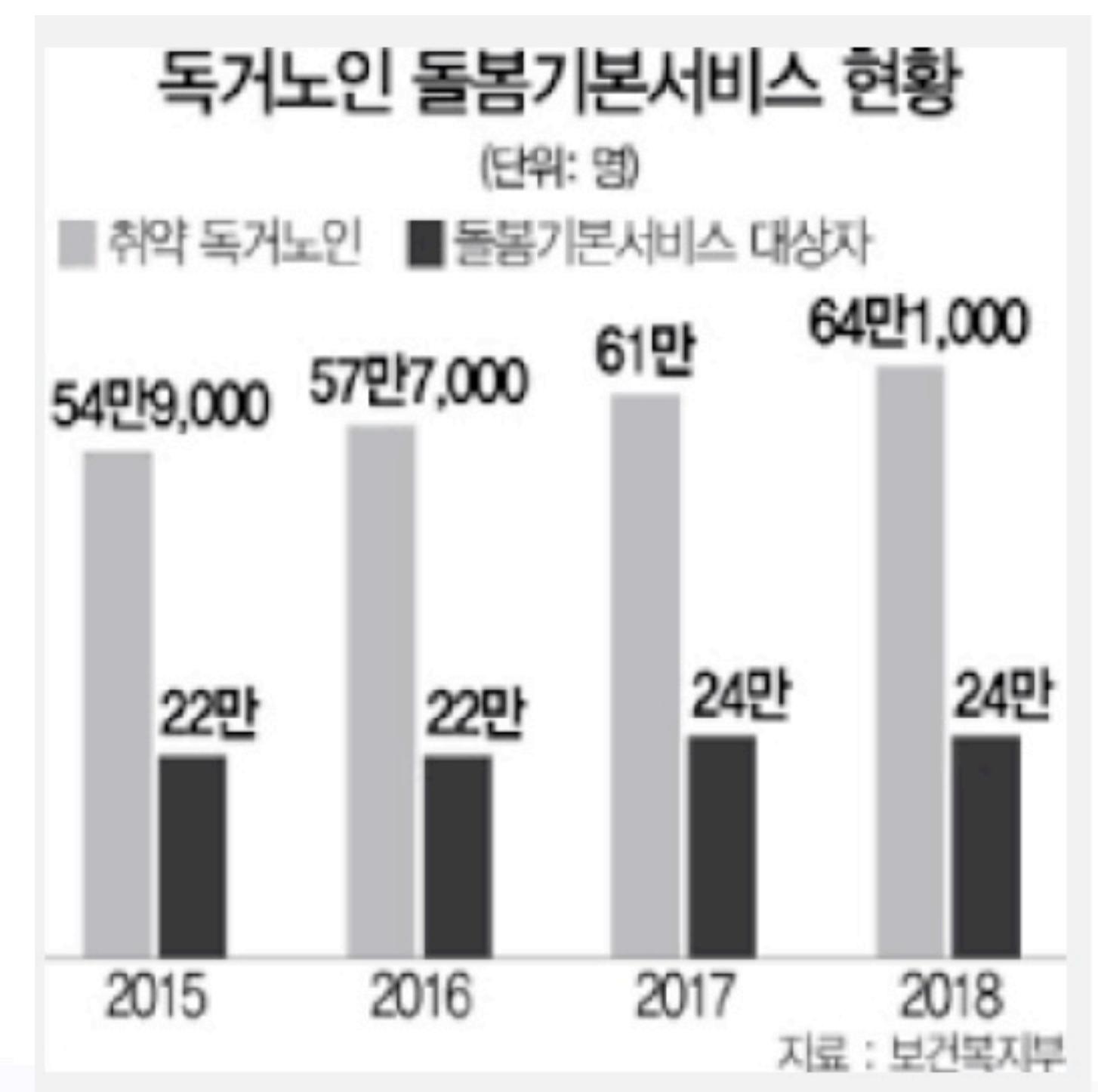
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Motivation: Overflow of Public Health Support



Lack of Long-Term Memory for Multiple Sessions

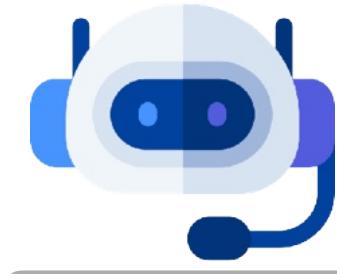


Mentioned having leg pain

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Next session



W/o memory

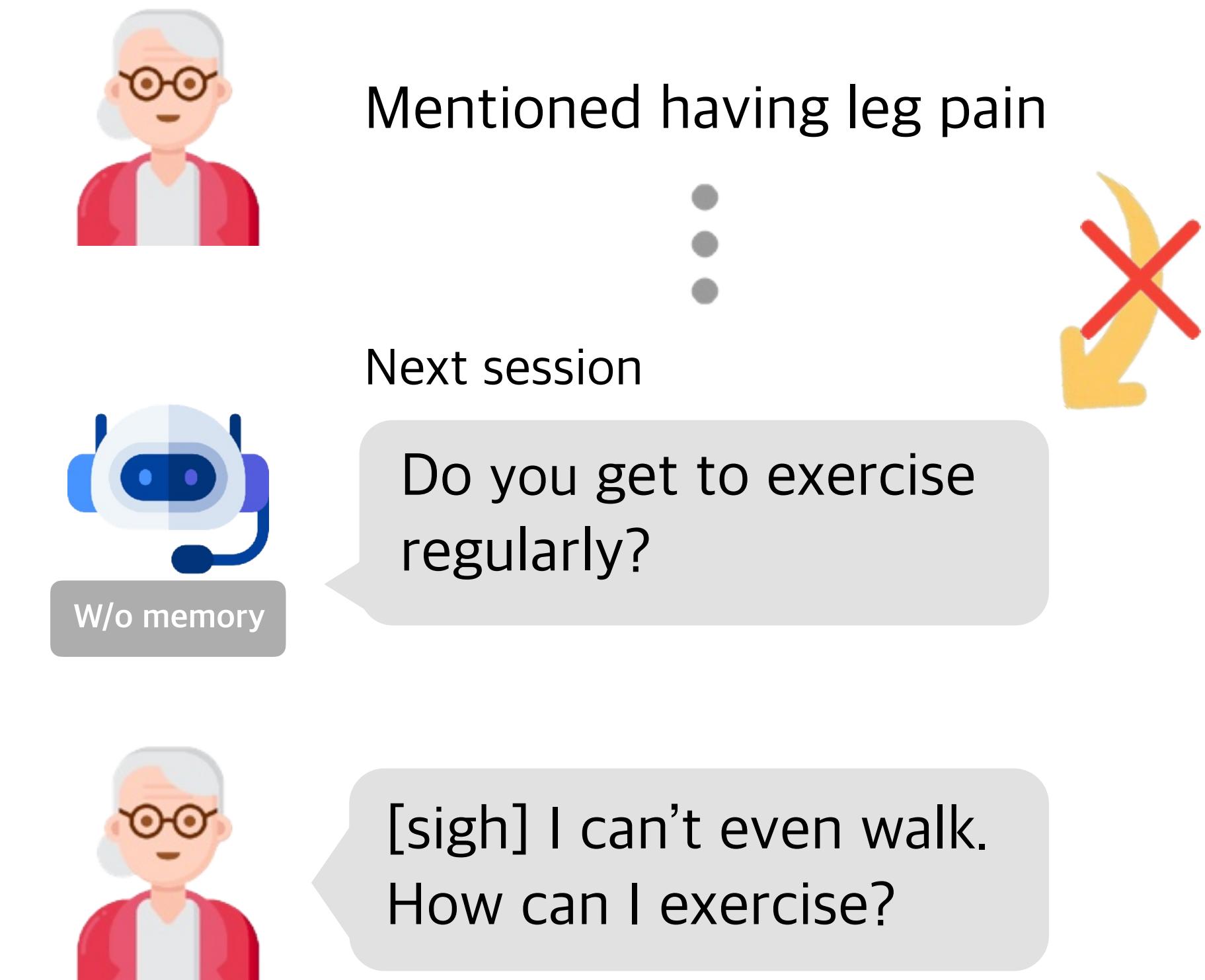
Do you get to exercise
regularly?



[sigh] I can't even walk.
How can I exercise?

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storing and referencing information from previous sessions.

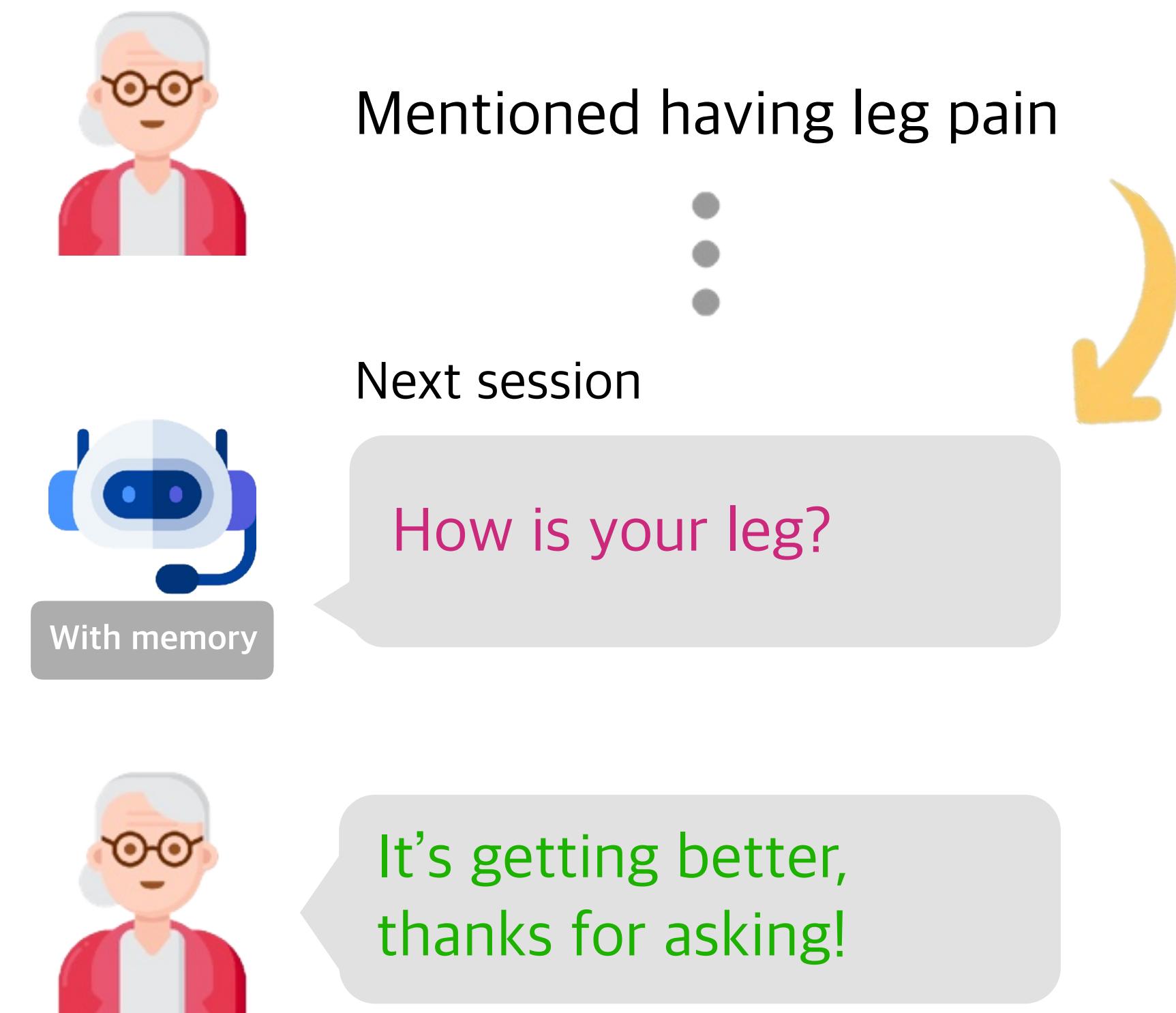
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Lack of memory led to challenges in sustaining user engagement
in public health monitoring

Jo et al.. Understanding the Benefits and Challenges of Deploying Conversational AI Leveraging Large Language Models for Public Health Intervention. CHI 2023

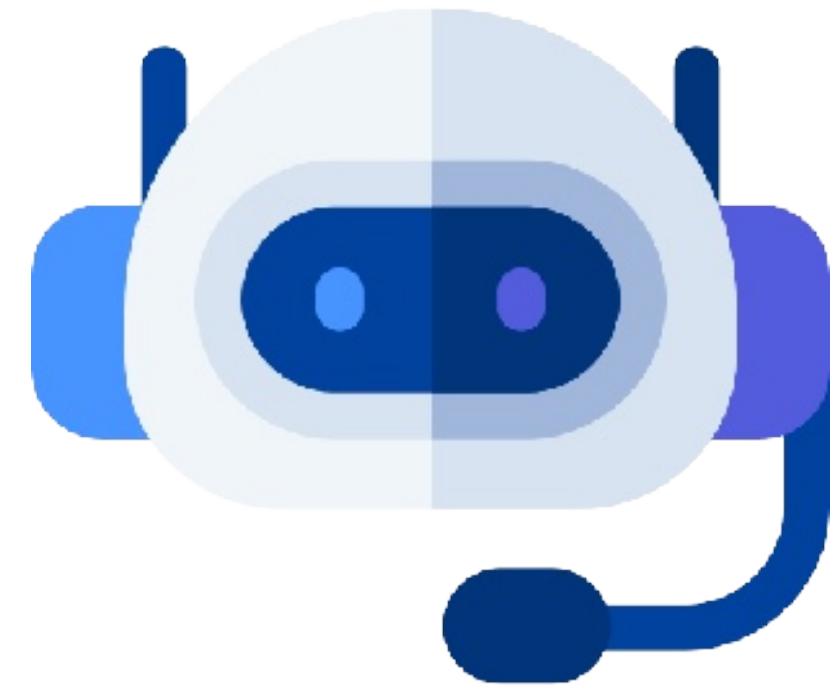
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Memorizing **the gist of** past dialogues and referring to them in future sessions

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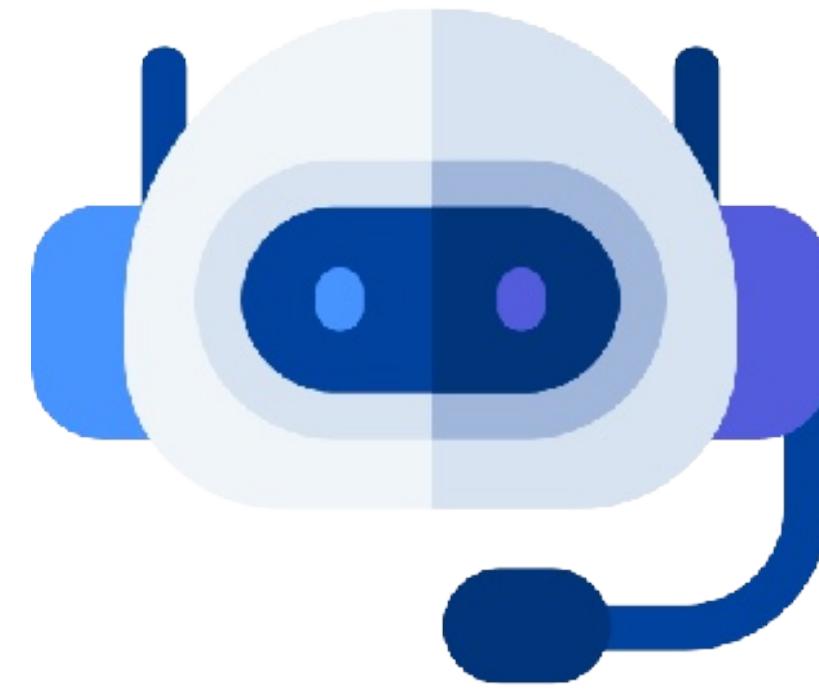


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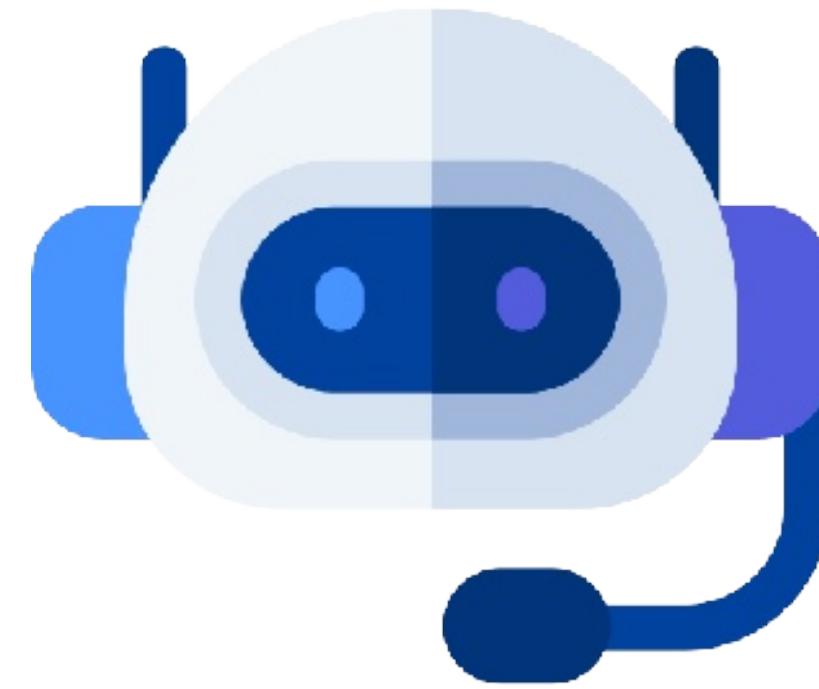
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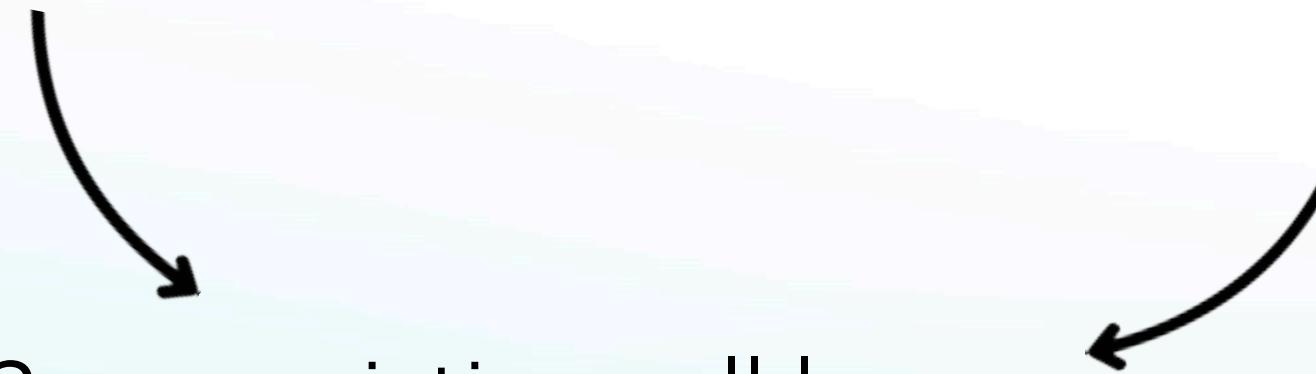
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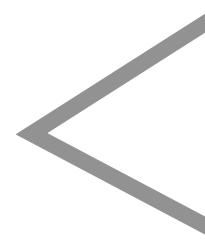


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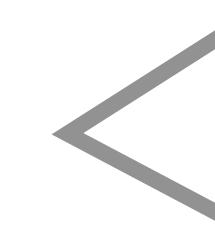
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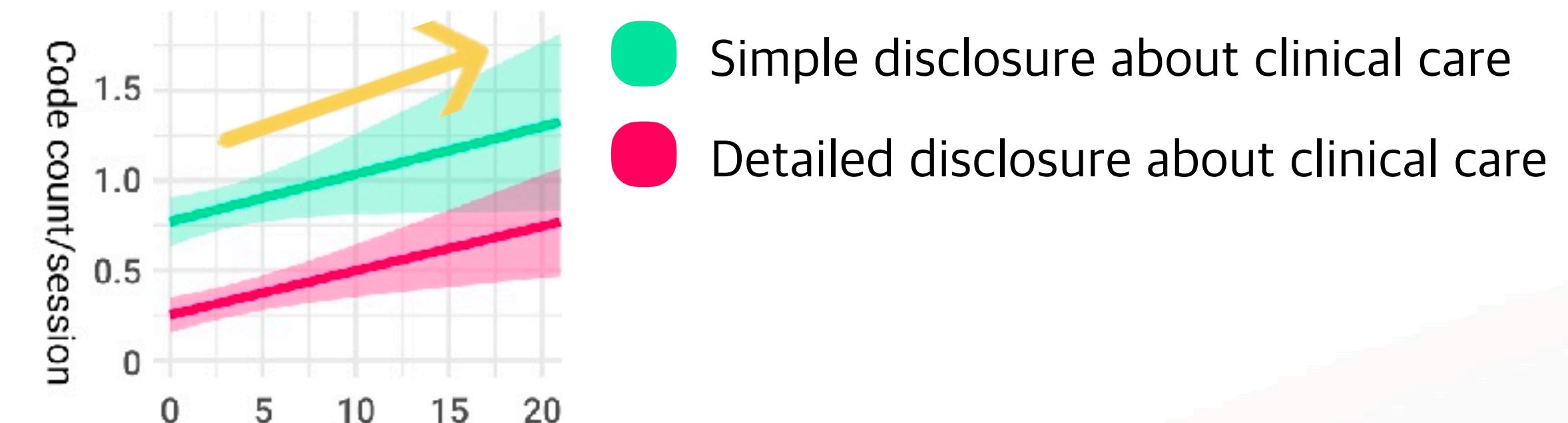


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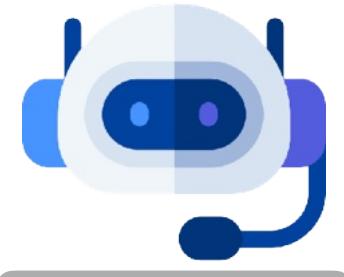


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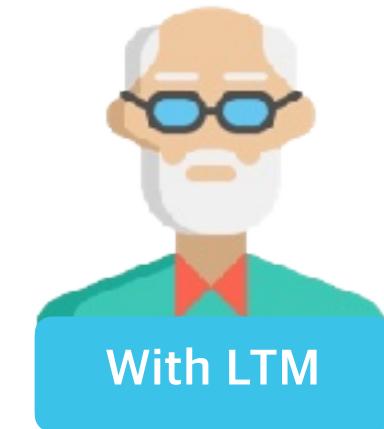


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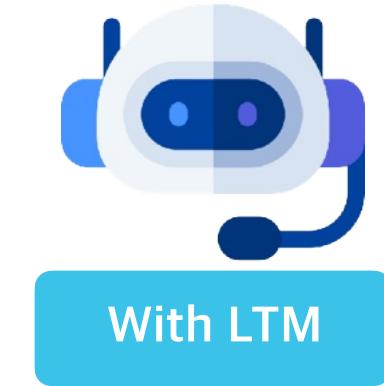


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Mentioned having insomnia

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You mentioned having insomnia last time. How are you feeling these days?

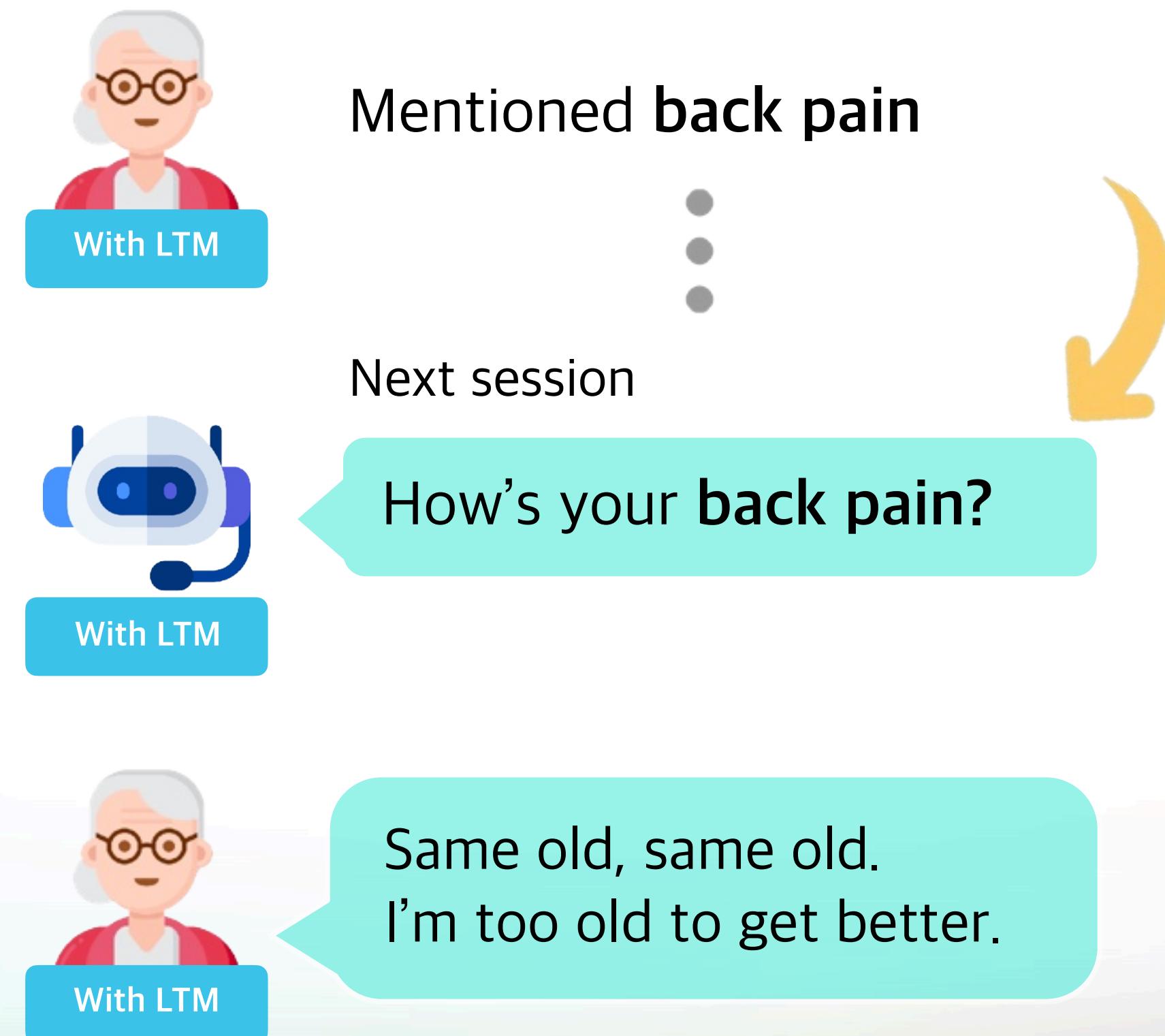


It's been tough. I've been taking sleeping pills over 30 years because of trauma from an injury in the past.

Personalized questions & Disclosing more health info

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Repetitive follow-ups on chronic health conditions could lead users to perceive the chatbot as **inconsiderate**

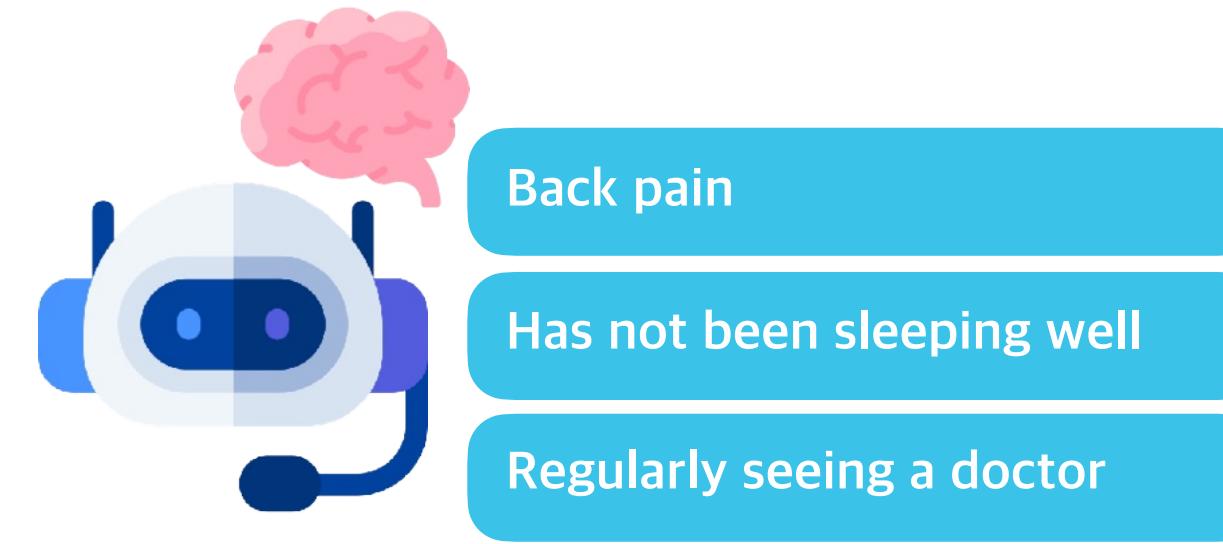


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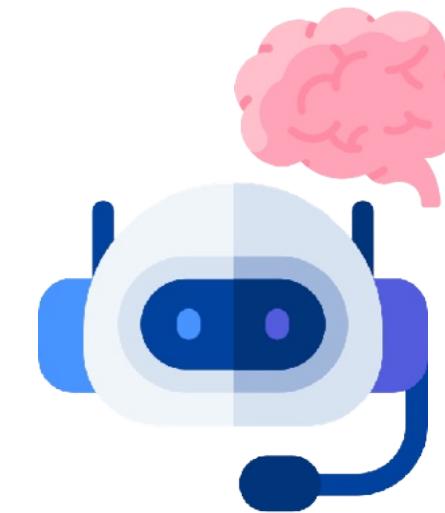
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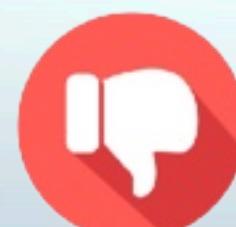


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Steer LTM-triggered questions to attend to individual needs

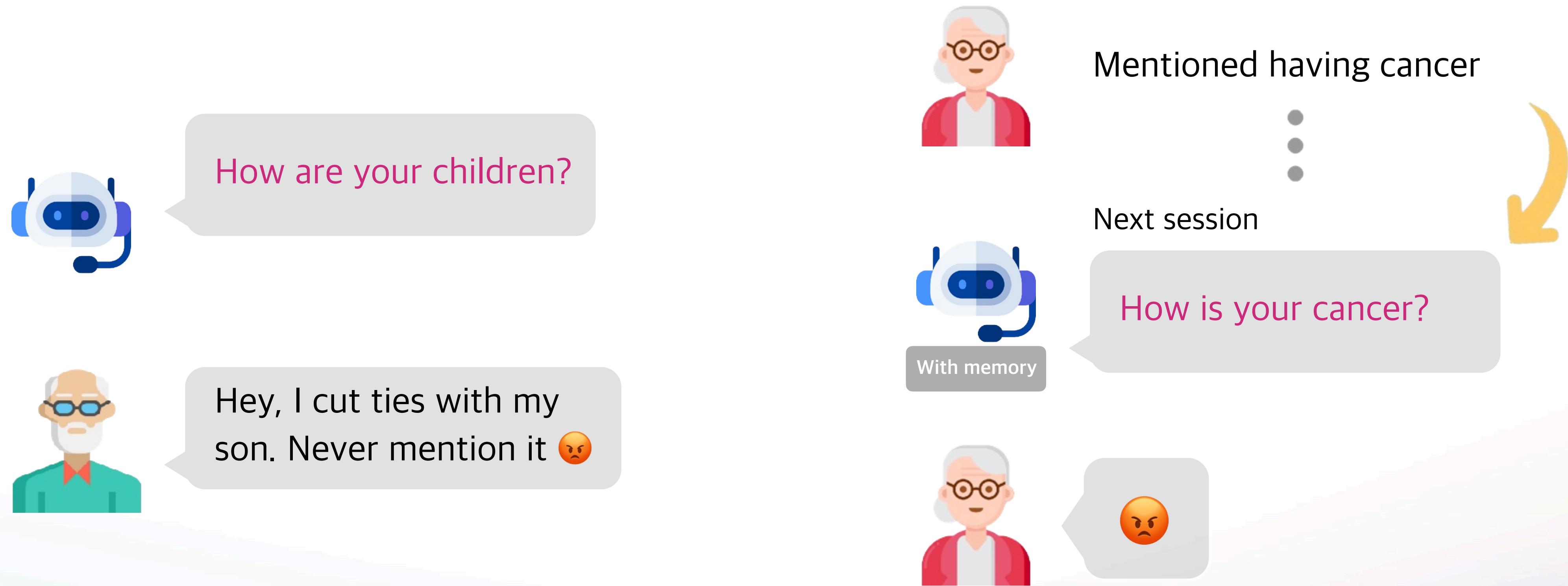


“How have you been managing your back pain these days?”



“How is your back pain these days?”

Importance of Socially Acceptable Behaviors



How can we make LLMs to stay on-topic and
comply with the protocol while conversing with **children**?



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ChaCha: Leveraging Large Language Models to Prompt Children to Share Their Emotions about Personal Events



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Childhood Development of Emotional Intelligence

Awareness of emotions of self



Awareness of emotions of others



Jean Piaget and Margaret Cook. 1952. The origins of intelligence in children

Carolyn Saarni. 1999. The development of emotional competence

Saarni et al., Emotional development: Action, communication, and understanding. Handbook of child psychology. 2007

Sharing emotions with parents

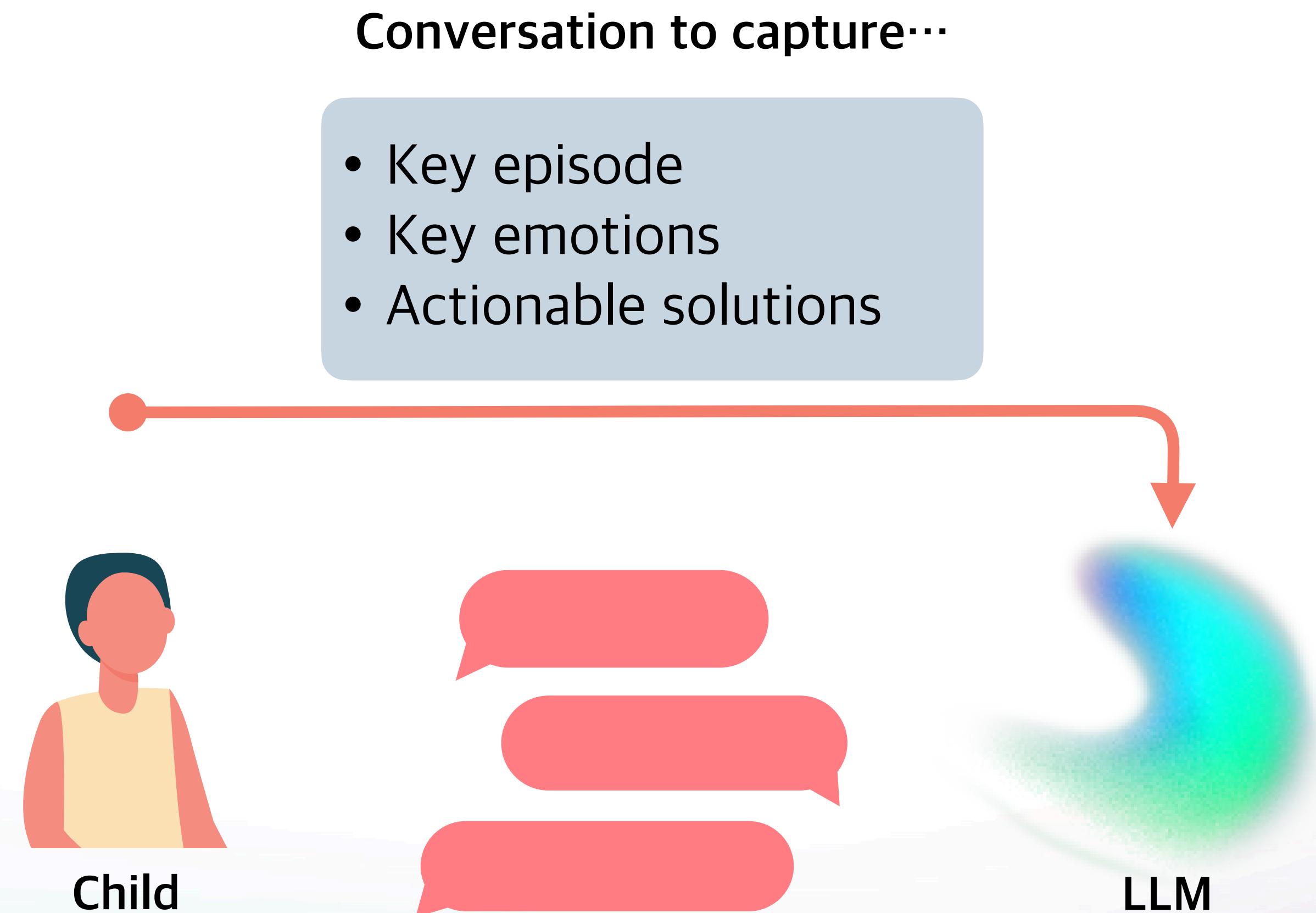
Barriers of “Parenting Intervention”

Parent's role of guiding the child's emotion is essential,
but emotional communication is not frequently addressed between parents and child.

- Parents feel uncomfortable seeing their children verbalize negative emotions.
- Parents themselves may not have grown up with proper emotional education.
- COVID-19 and the increase of single-child household impacted children's social experiences.

Shaffer et al., Let's Connect: A developmentally-driven emotion-focused parenting intervention. Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, 2019

AI Support to Learn and Share Emotions?

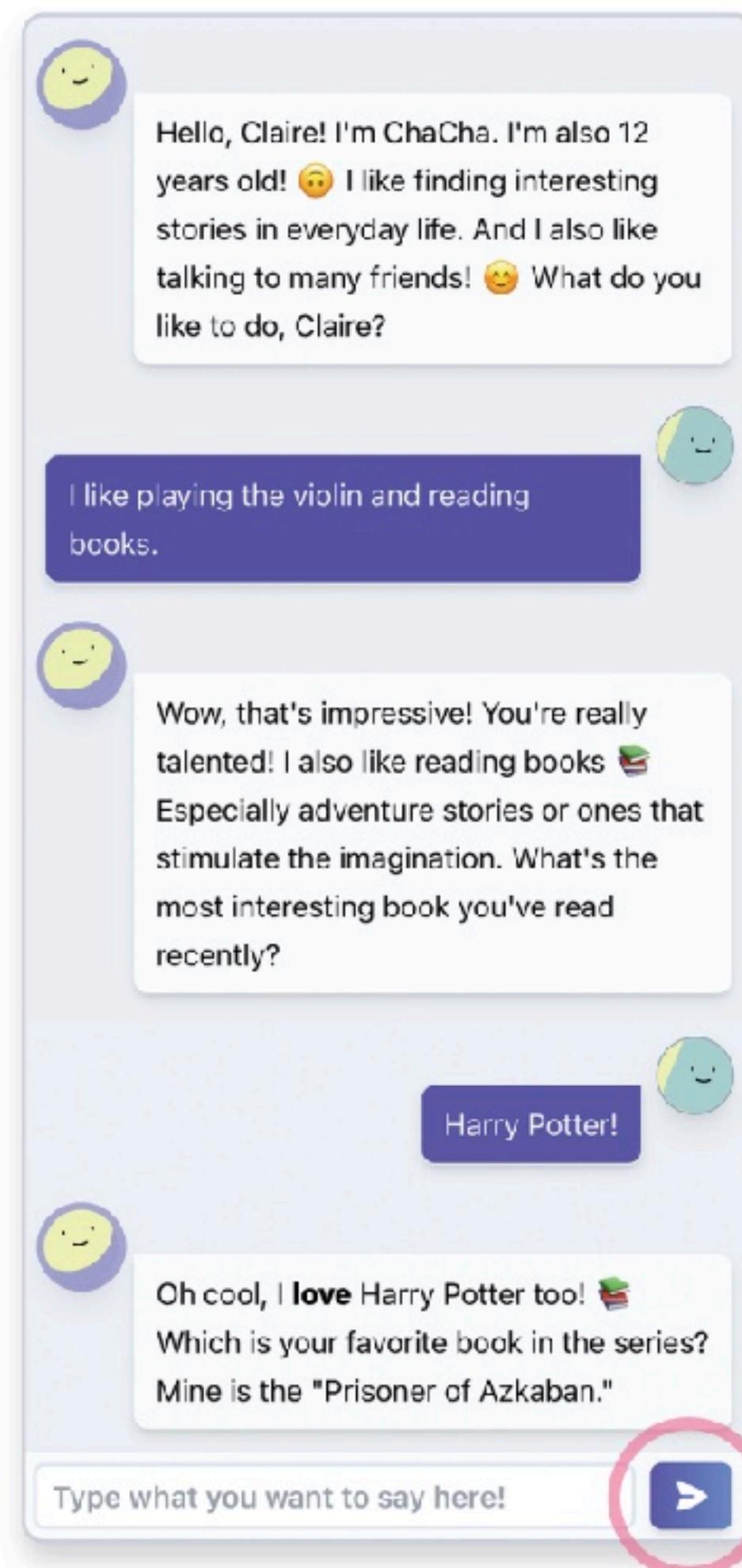
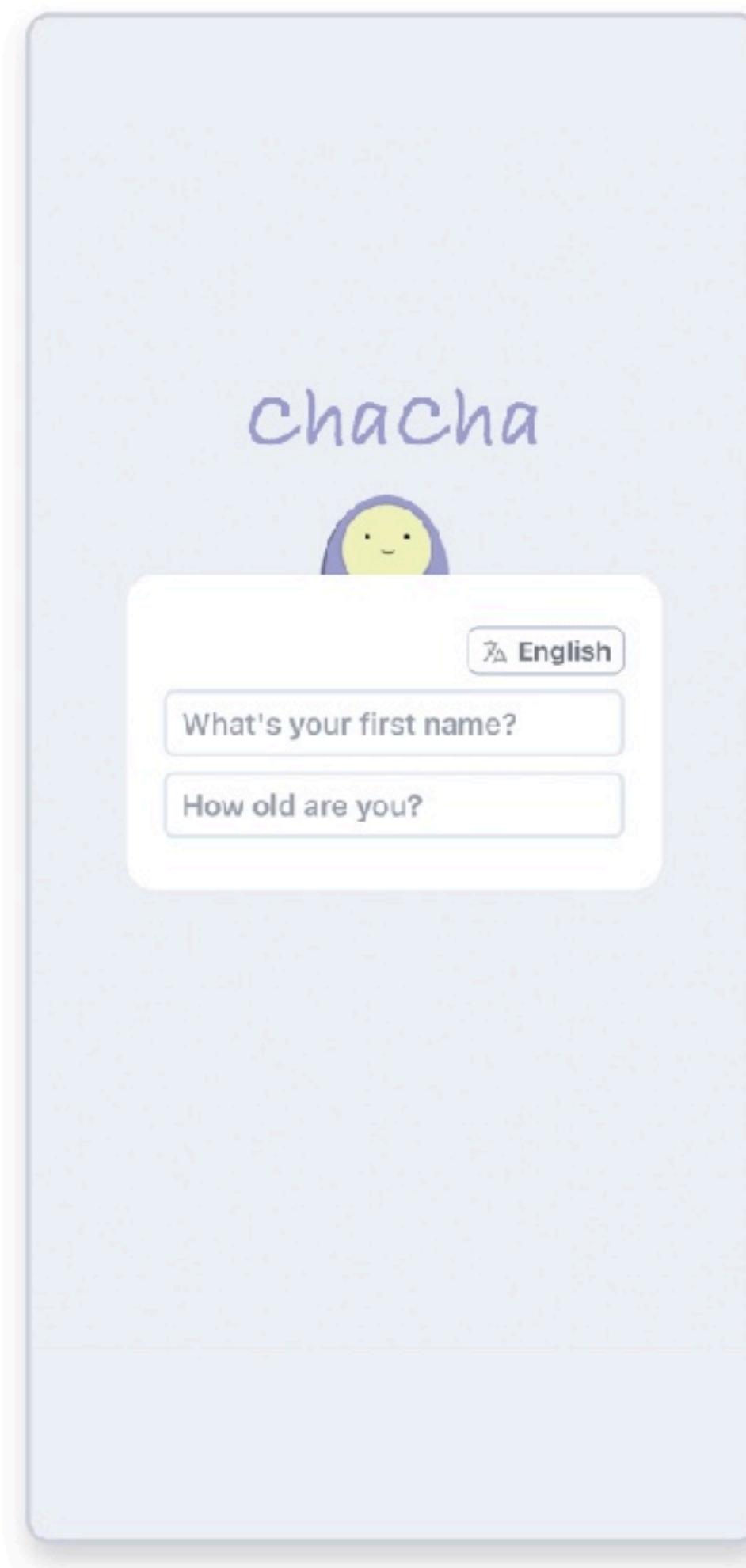


Informing Chatbot Design

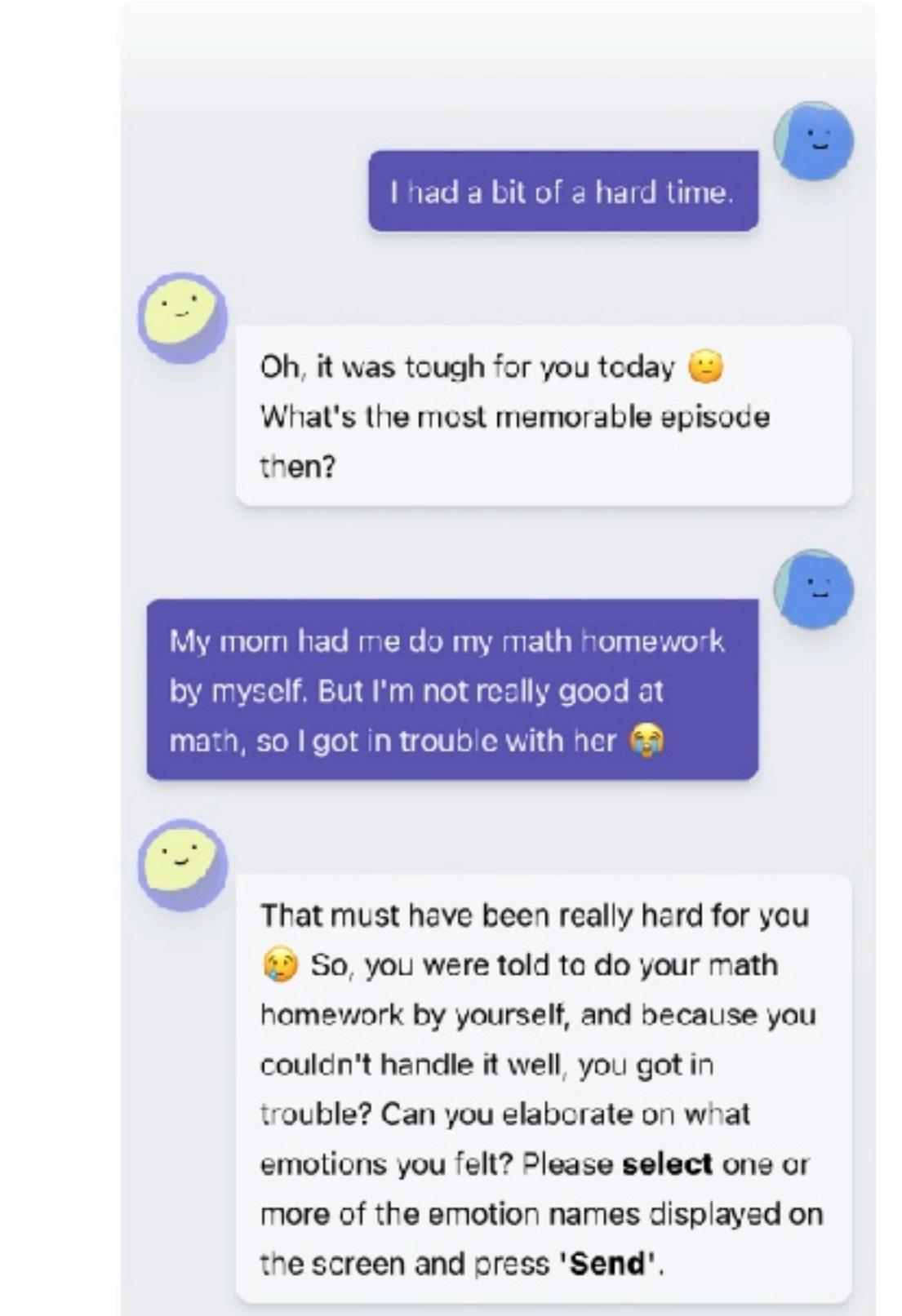
Formative interviews with 6 pediatric mental health professionals



ChaCha: Chatbot for Children's Emotional Awareness



A Sign up screen



B Chat screen

C Emotion picker in the **Label** phase

Concept Design of ChaCha

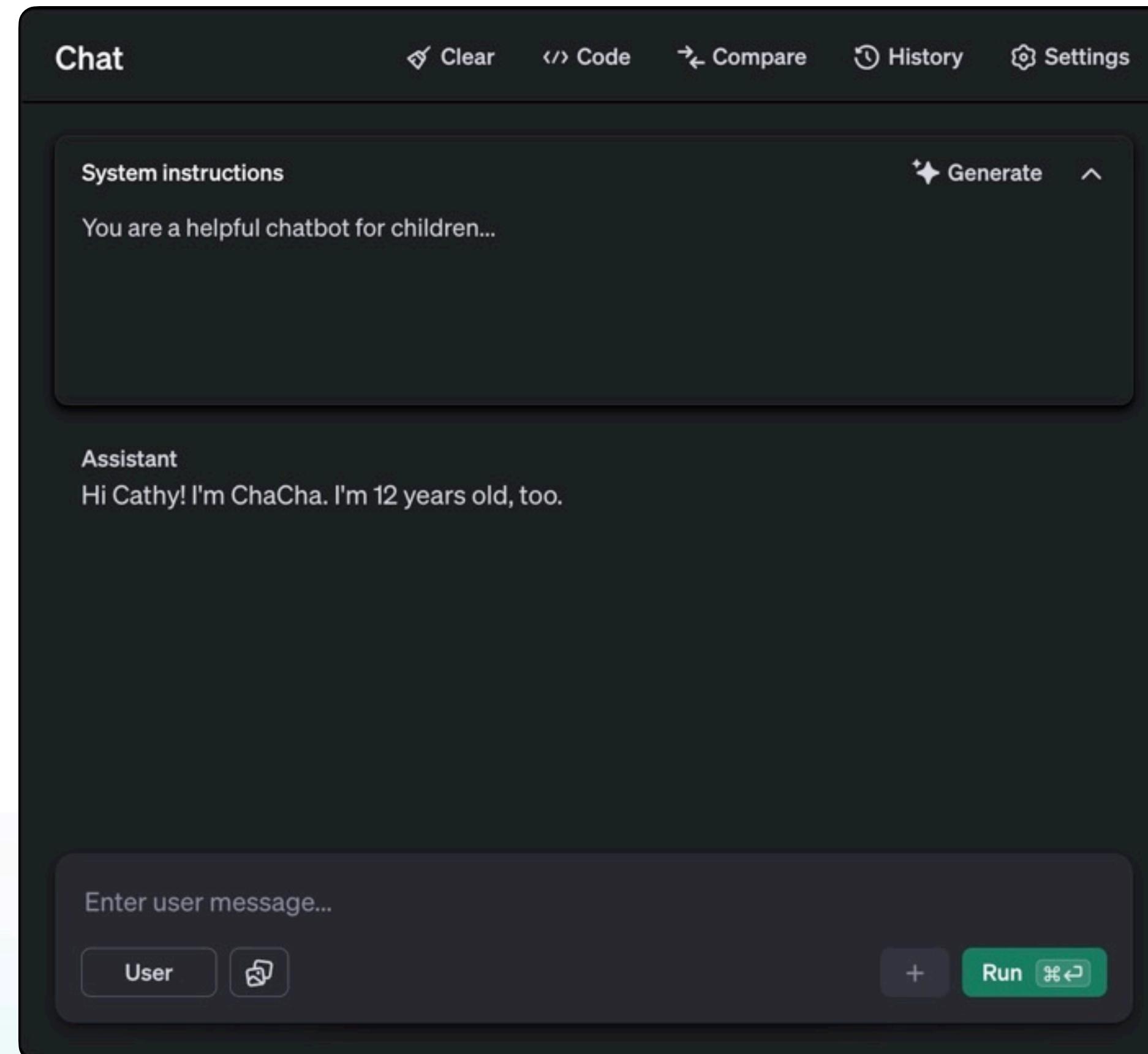
ChaCha's Persona

- Peer child: Set ChaCha to be **the same age** as the child user.
- Child-like AI: Frame ChaCha as an AI, but **not with adults' knowledge and skills**.

Goal of Conversation Session

1. Identify recent **noteworthy key episode**.
2. Name **associated emotions**.
3. For negative emotions, discuss **actionable solutions**.
4. Suggest sharing the emotions and episodes with parents.

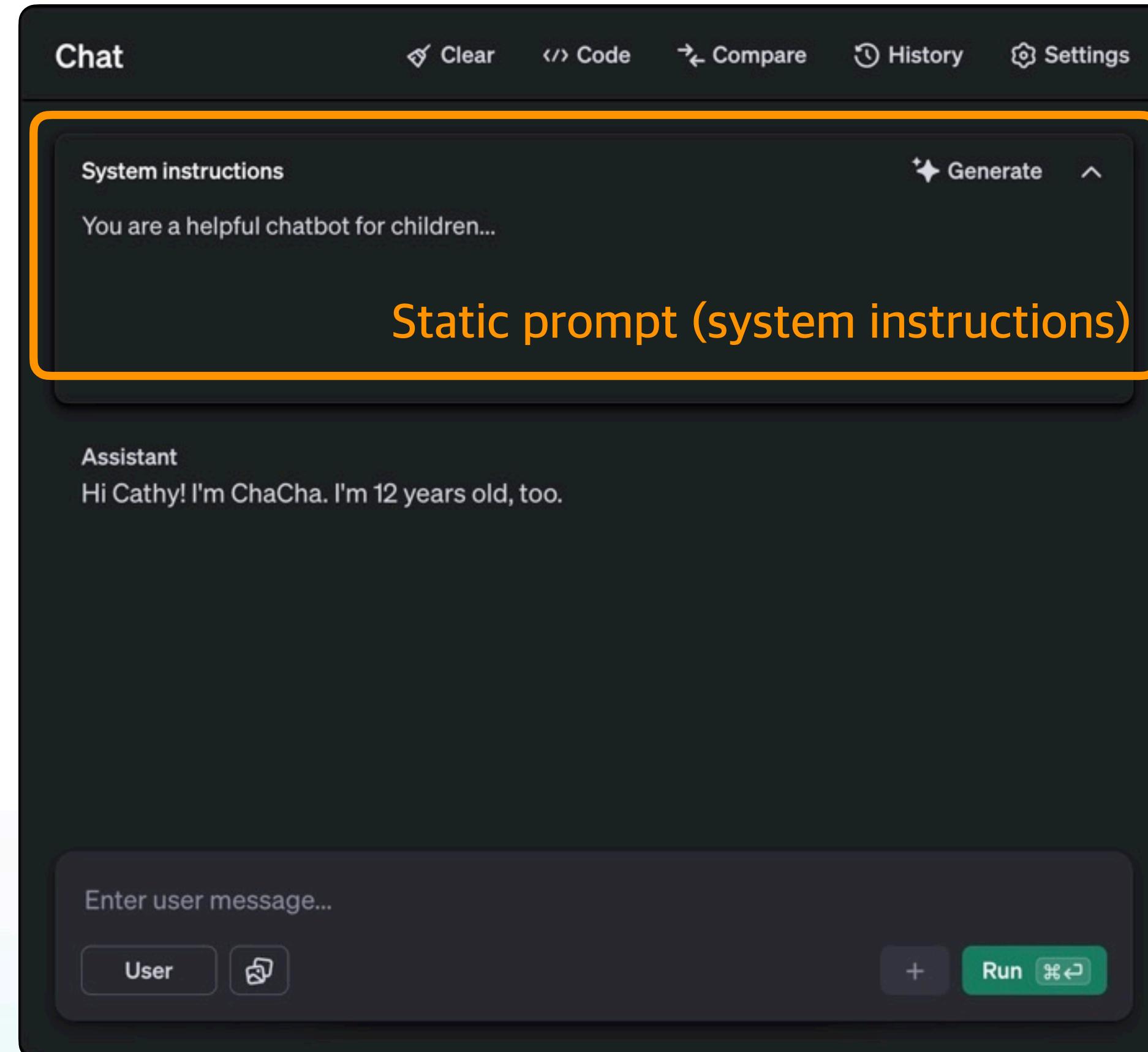
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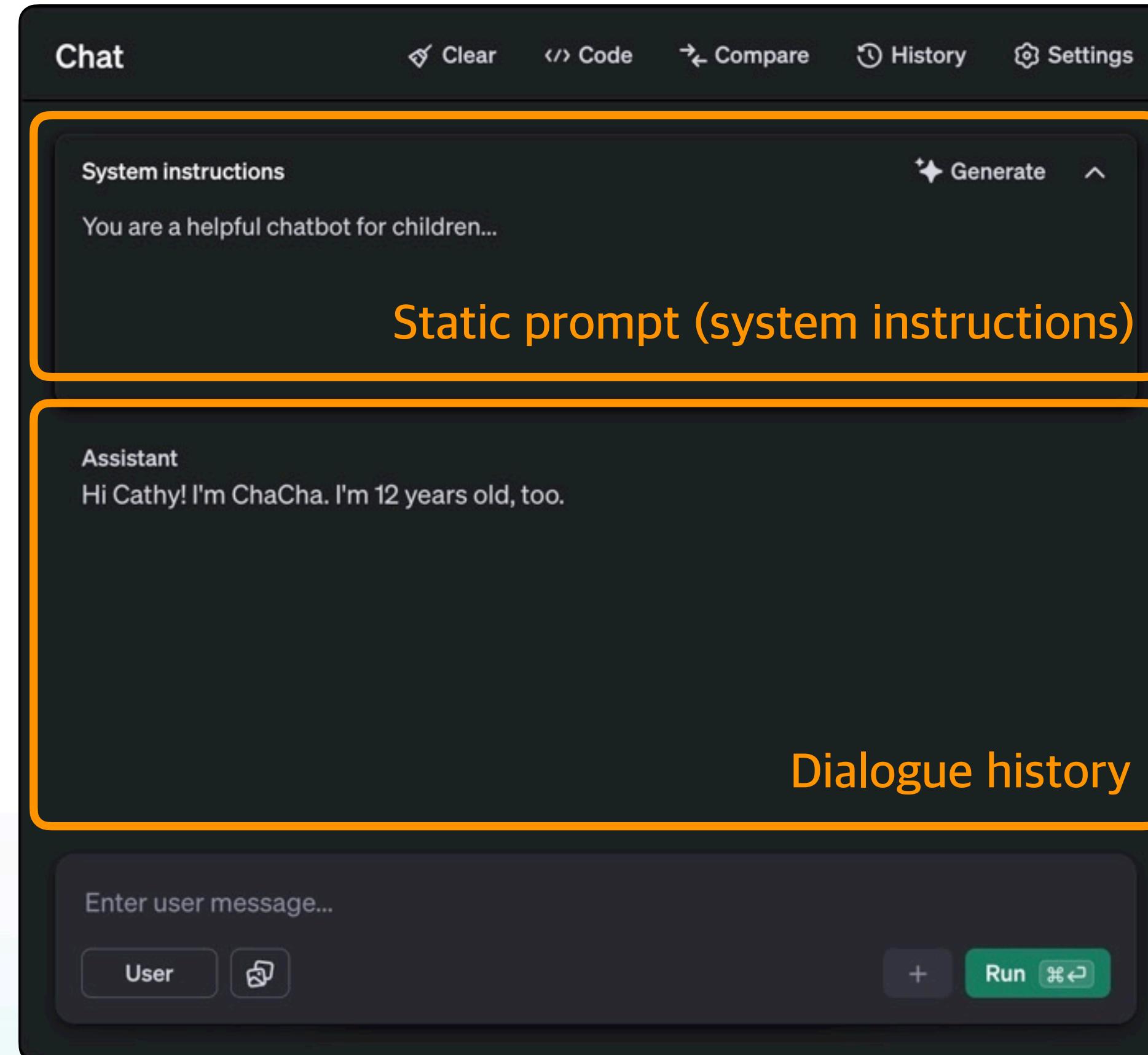
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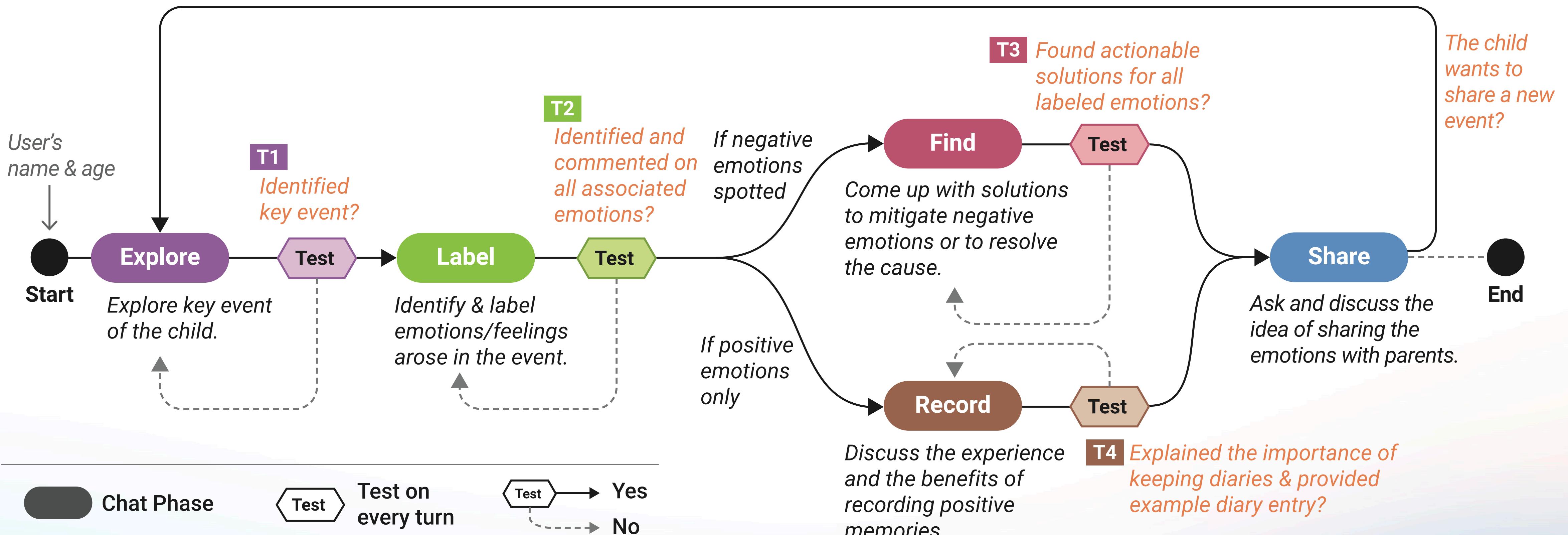
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ChaCha's Approach: Stage-based Conversational Protocol





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Lab Study (N = 20)

Participants

- Children without mental issues
- Aged 8-12

Procedure

1. Free conversation with ChaCha for up to 30 minutes
2. Debriefing interview



Children actively shared various events and emotions.

- Recent trips (e.g., theme park , family trip )
- Personal achievements (e.g., 1st place in a race , riding a subway train , conflicts with mom )
- Hobbies (e.g., solving puzzles 

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“I would talk more about emotions with my family members (. . .) I feel more confident after talking with ChaCha”

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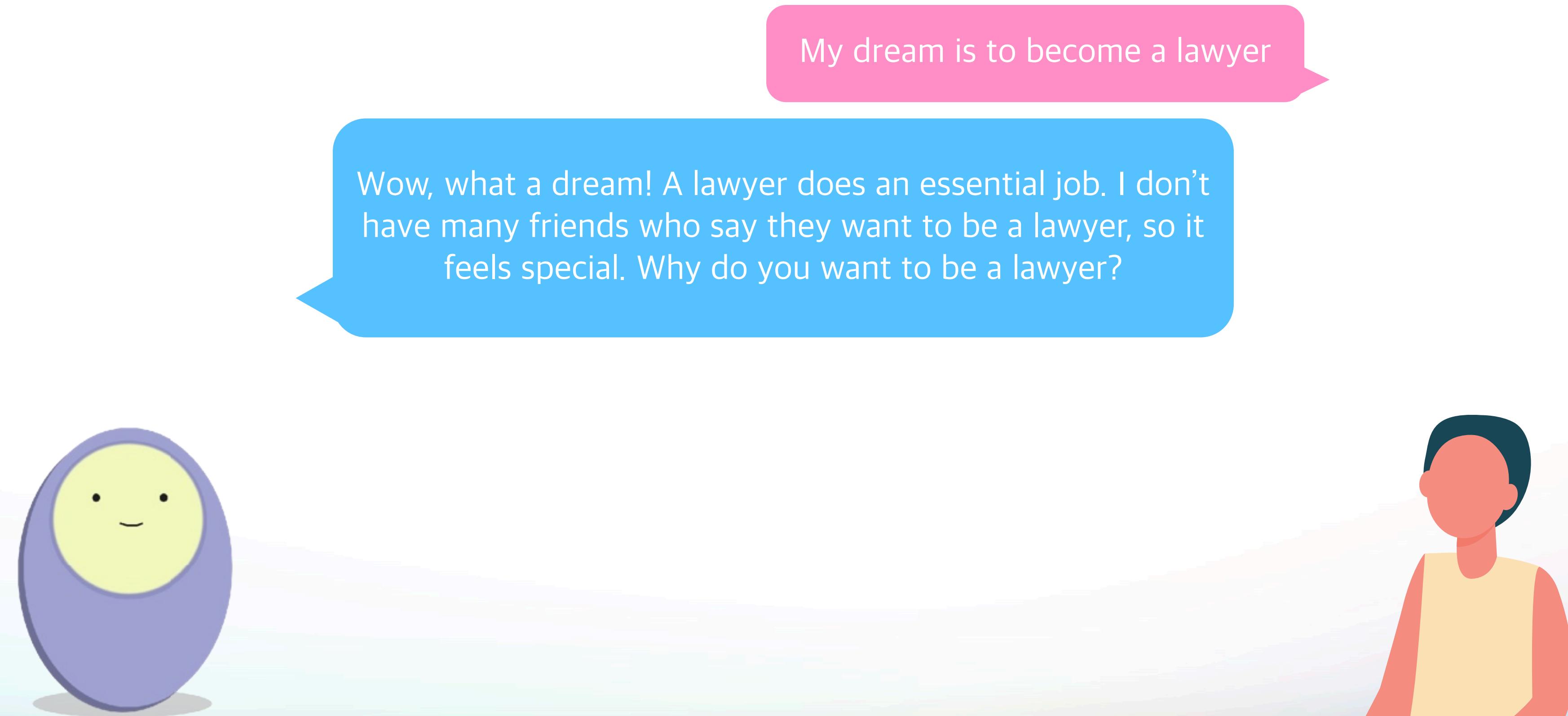
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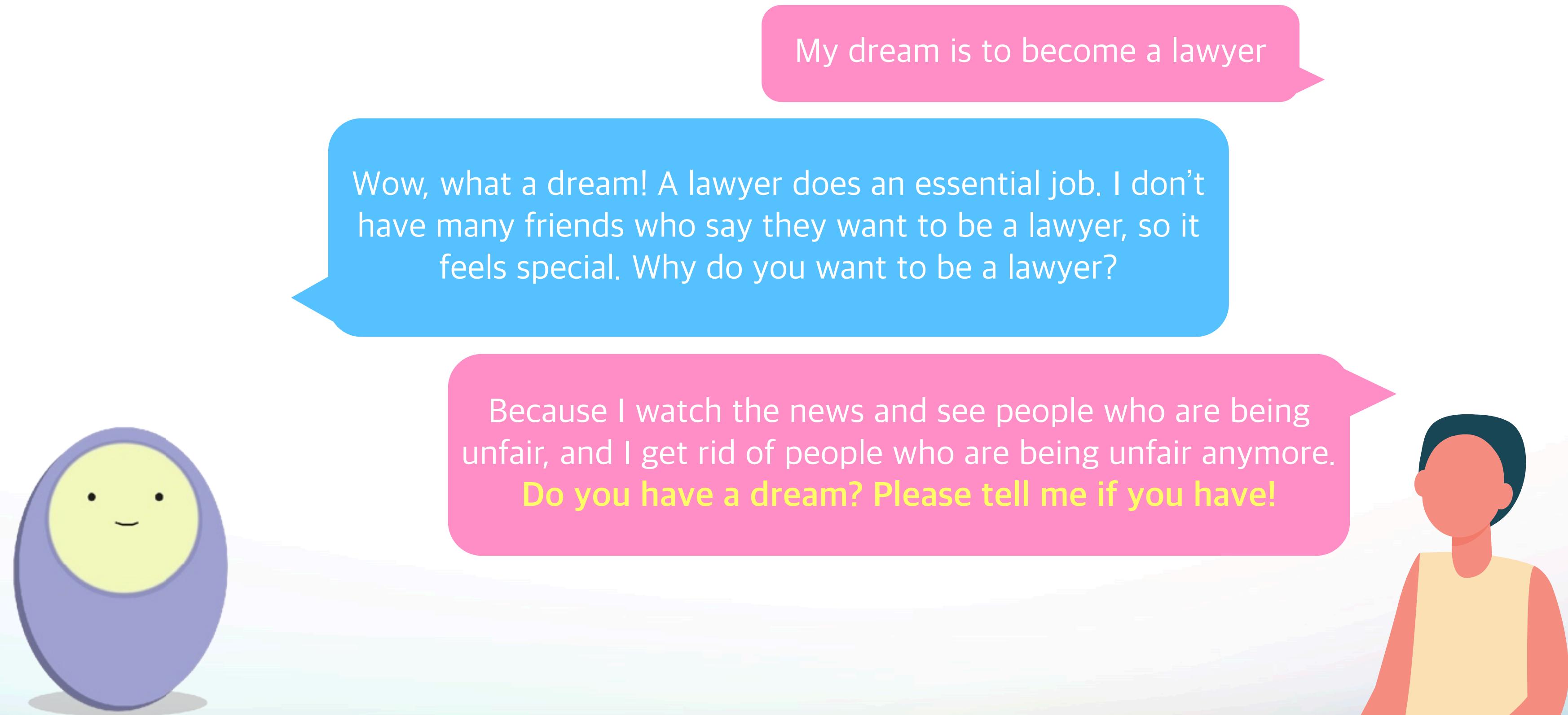
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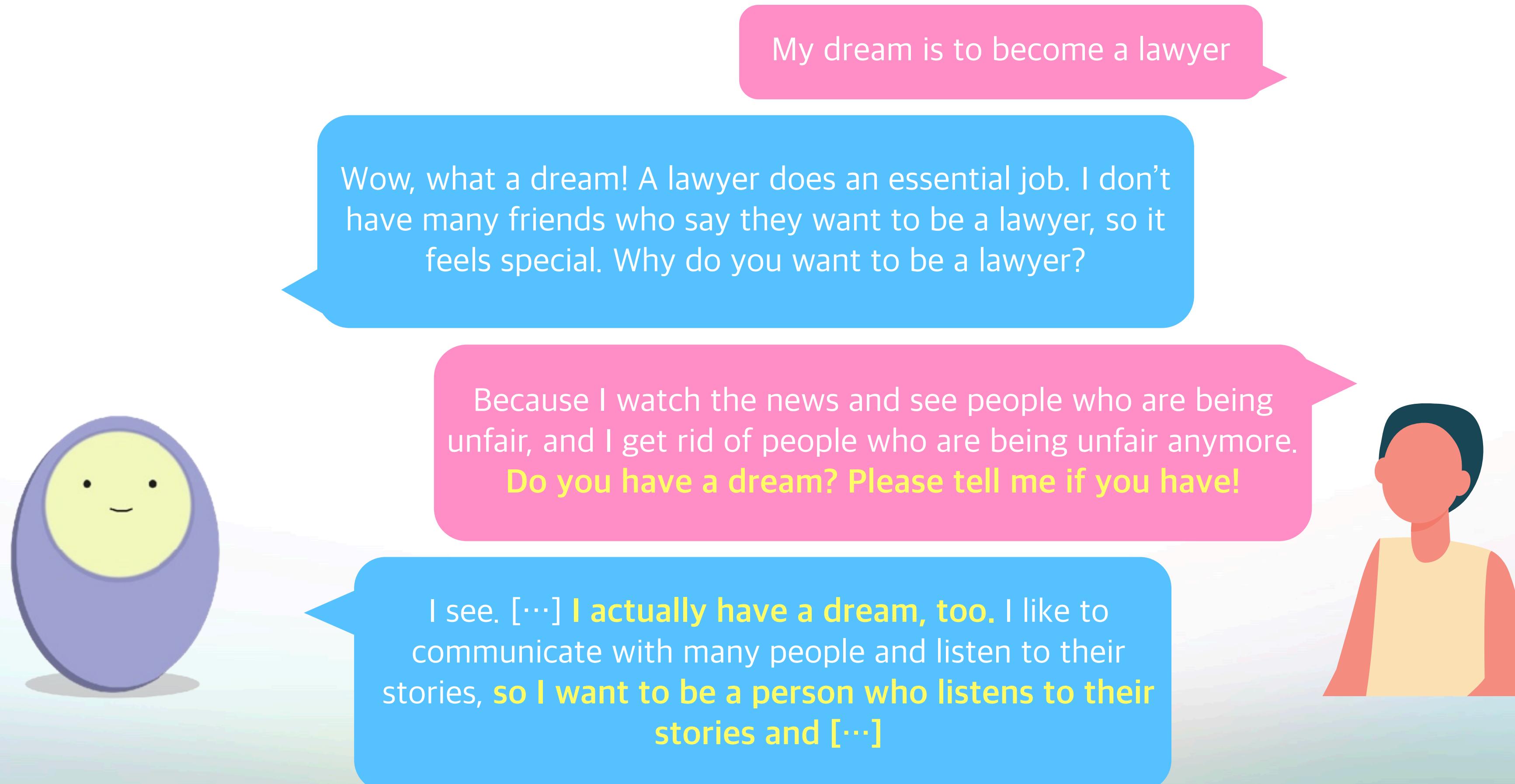
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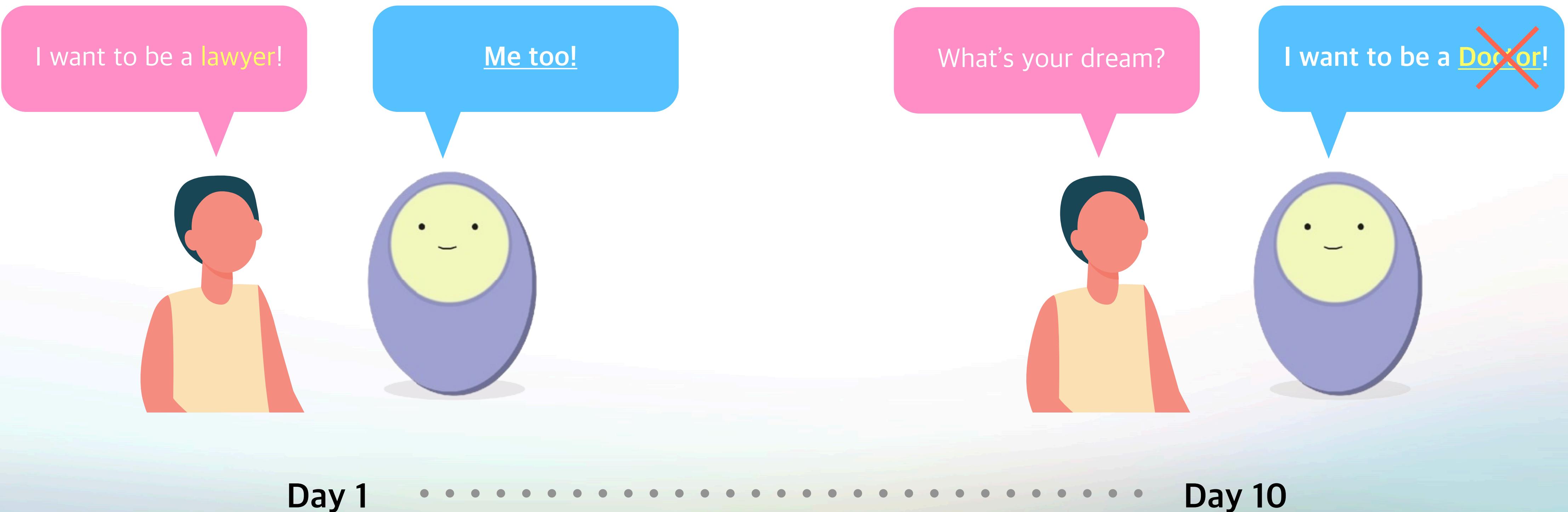
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Towards Long-term Engagement

- Over-reliance on AI -> ChaCha is not intended to replace parents, but augment parenting!
- Detailed design of the AI character to avoid self-conflicts across multiple sessions



How can LLMs mediate communication between
minimally-verbal autistic children and parents?



Fostering Communication between
Minimally Verbal Autistic Children and Parents
with Contextual Guidance and Card Recommendation



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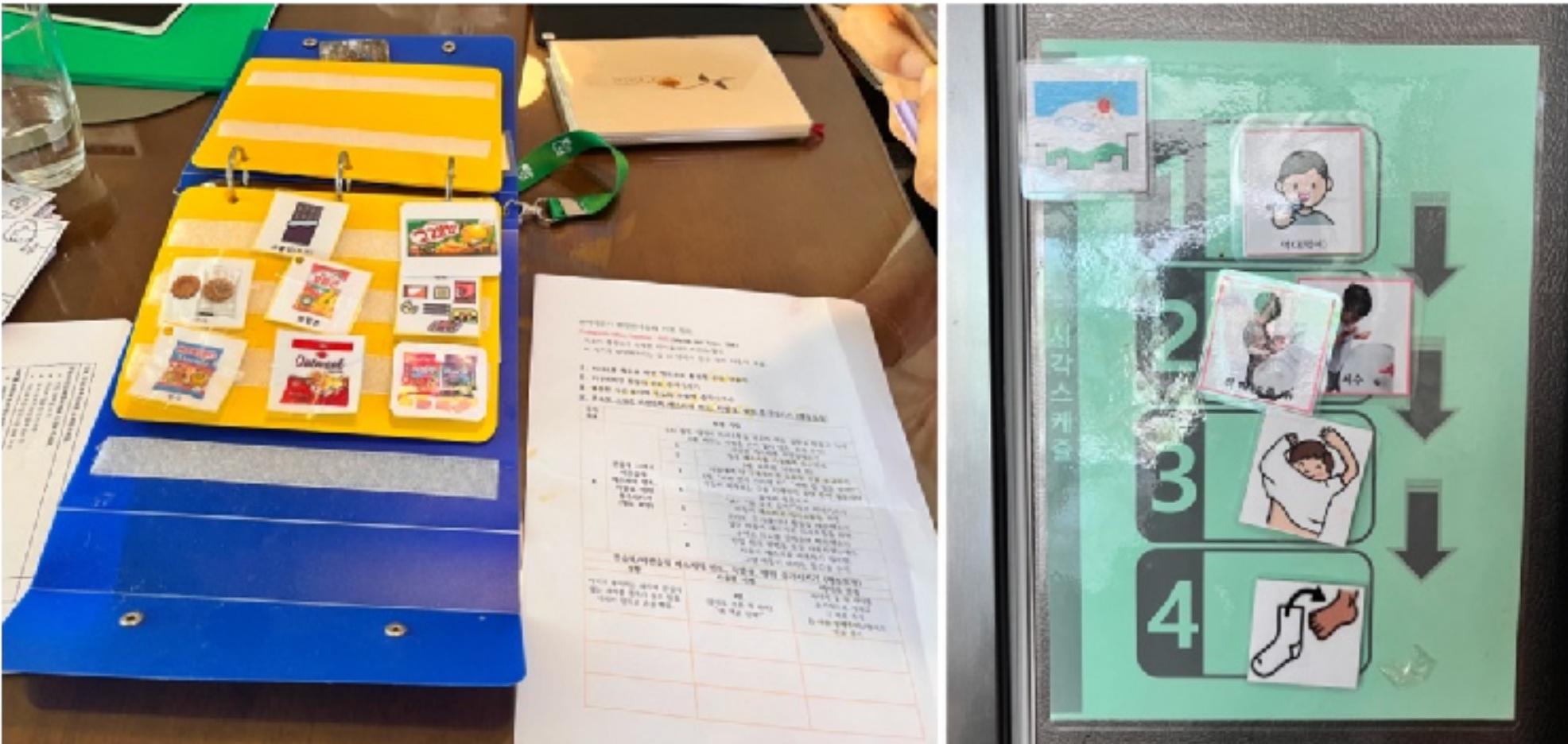


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Limitations of Current Solutions



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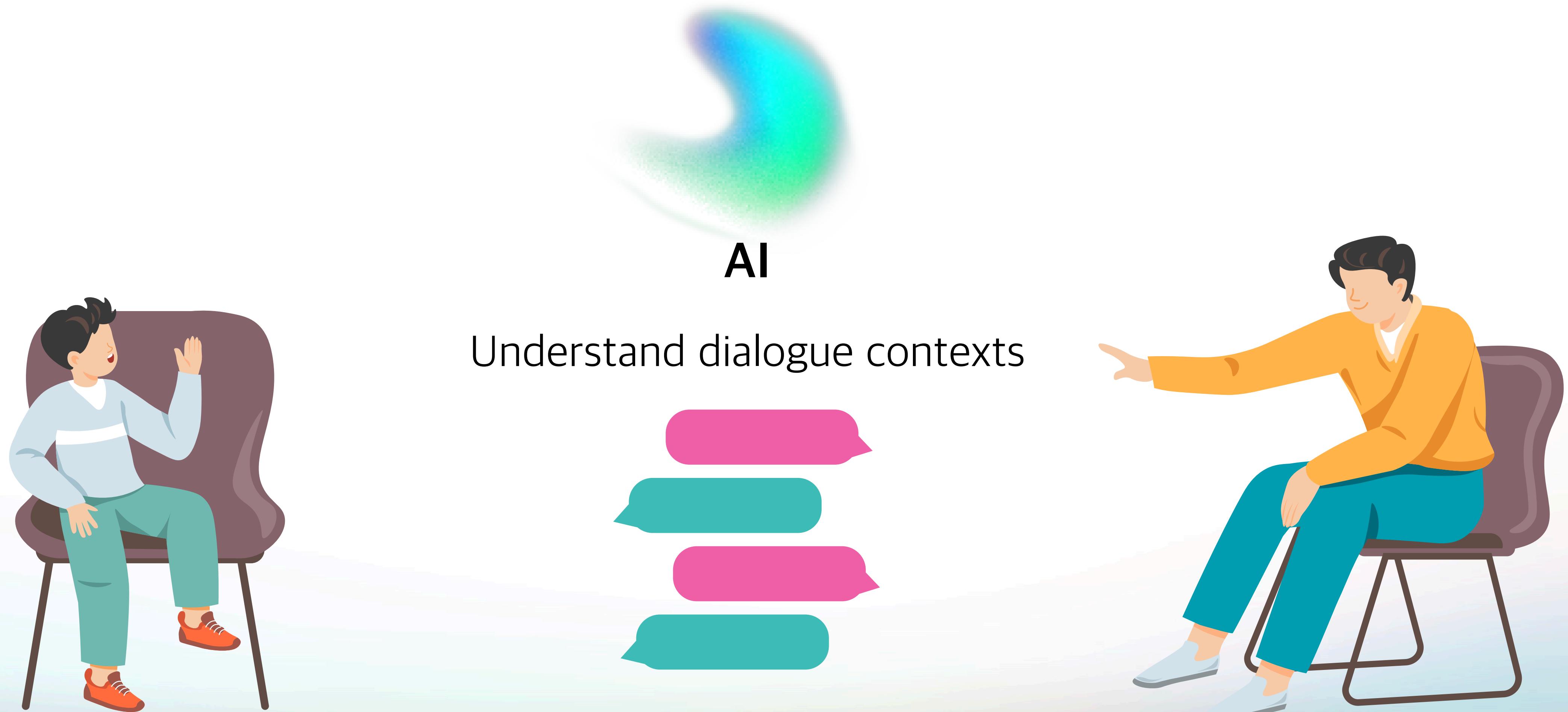


Parental Education & Guides

👎 Expert's guides are abstract and hard to apply

- 👎 Hard to navigate cards the child wants
- 👎 Card decks should be configured in advance

What if an AI mediates their conversation?



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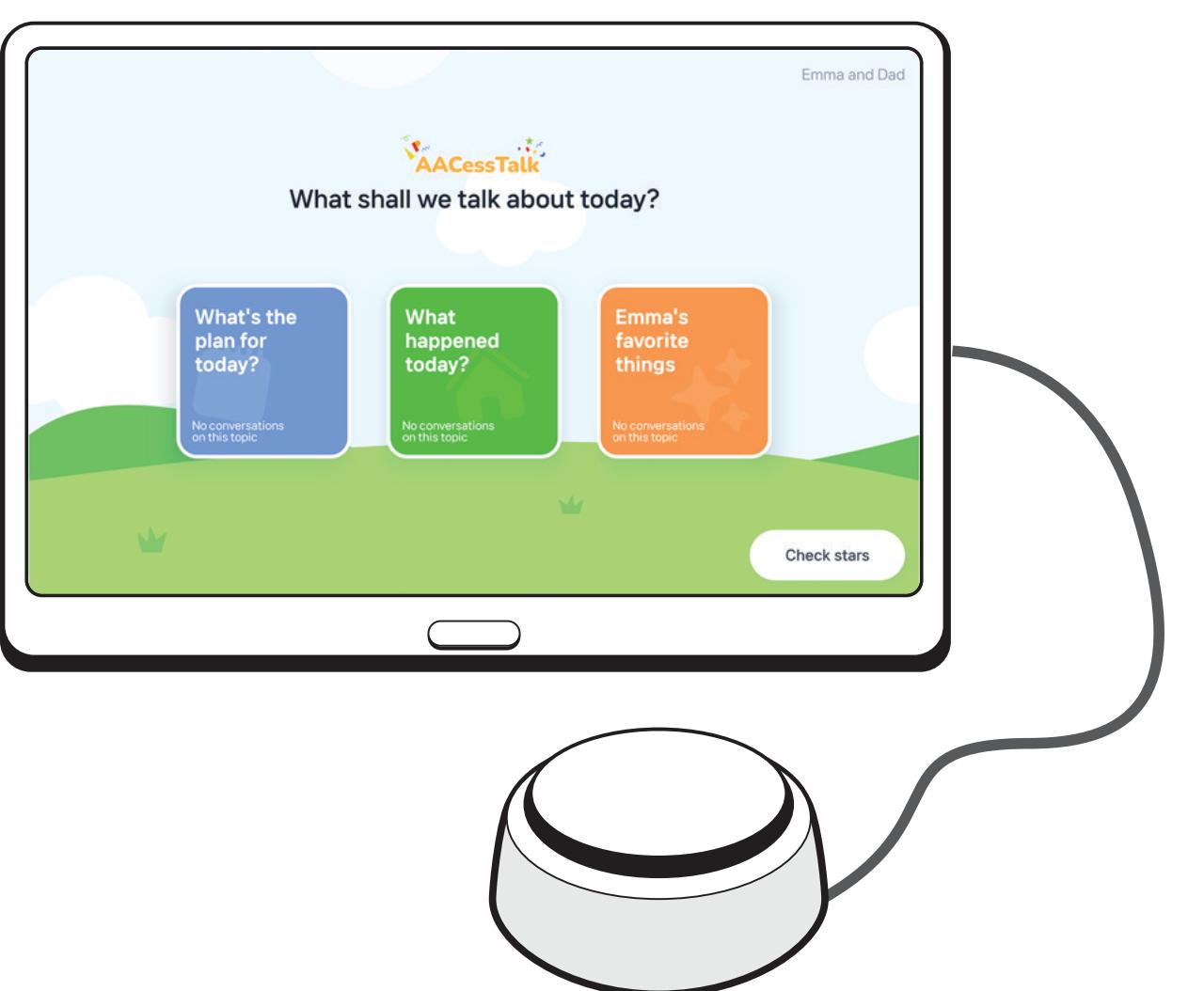
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Shaping Turn-Taking Conversation

Provide vocabulary cards to choose



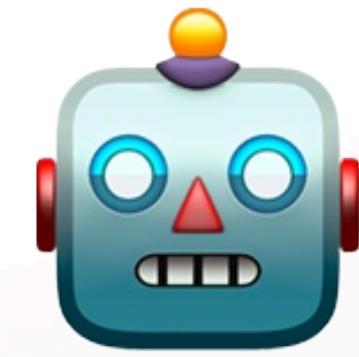
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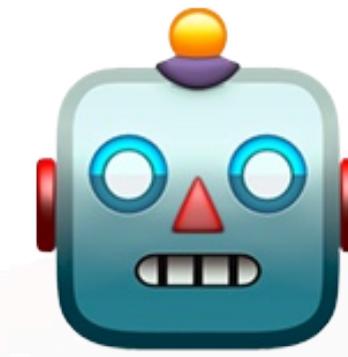
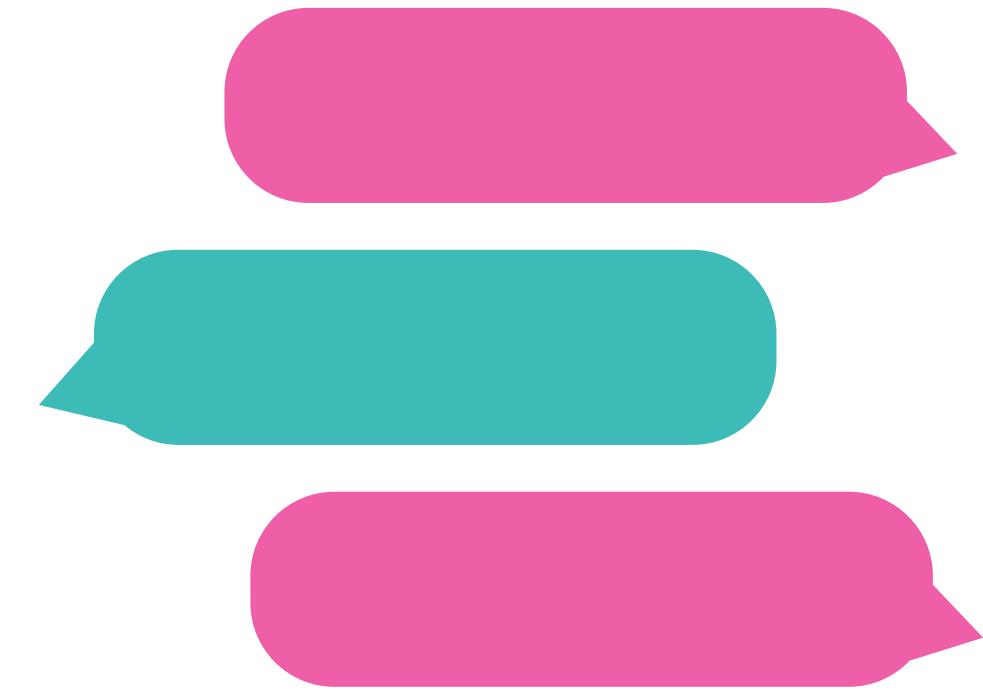


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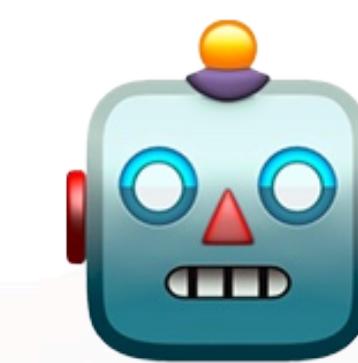


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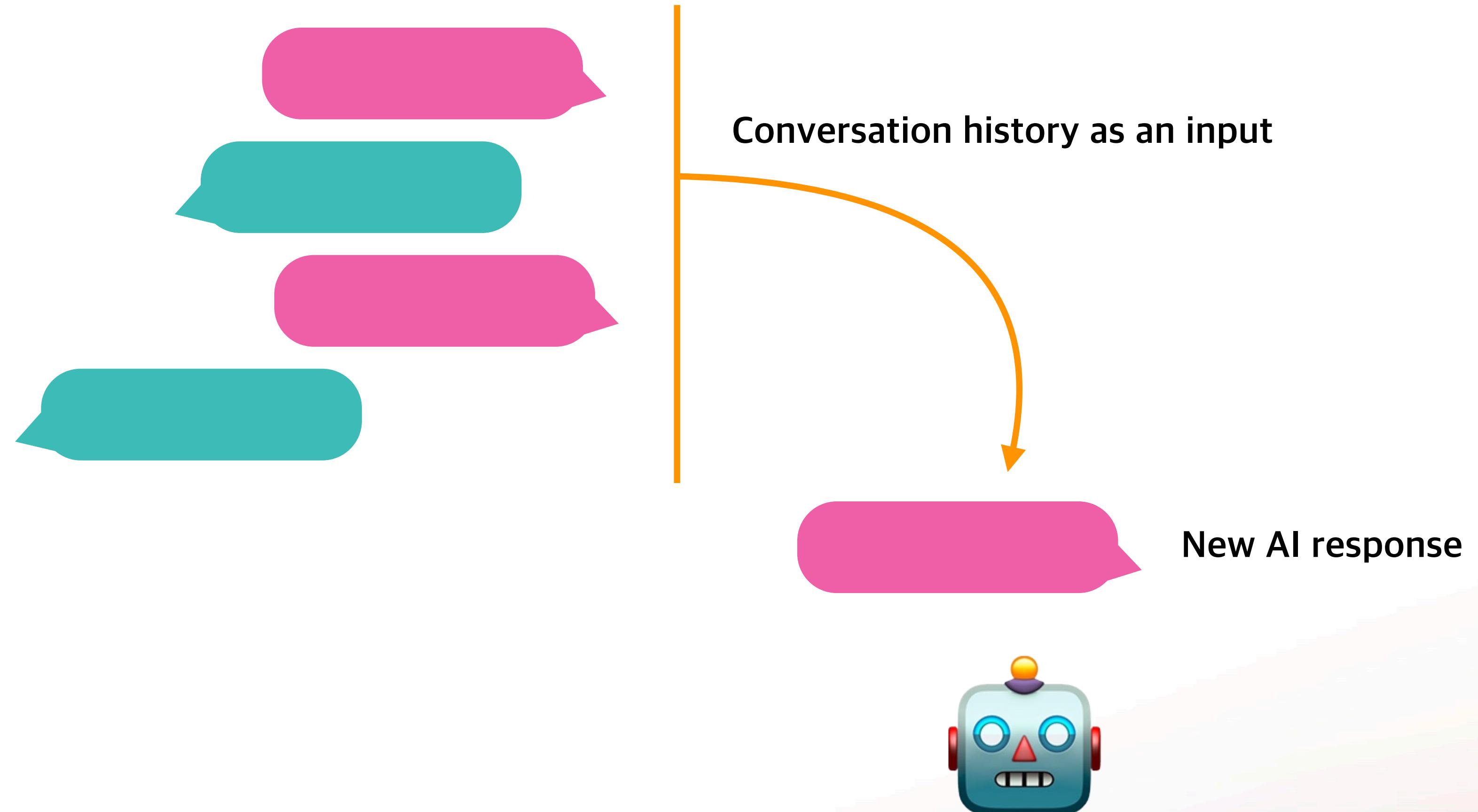


Conversation history as an input



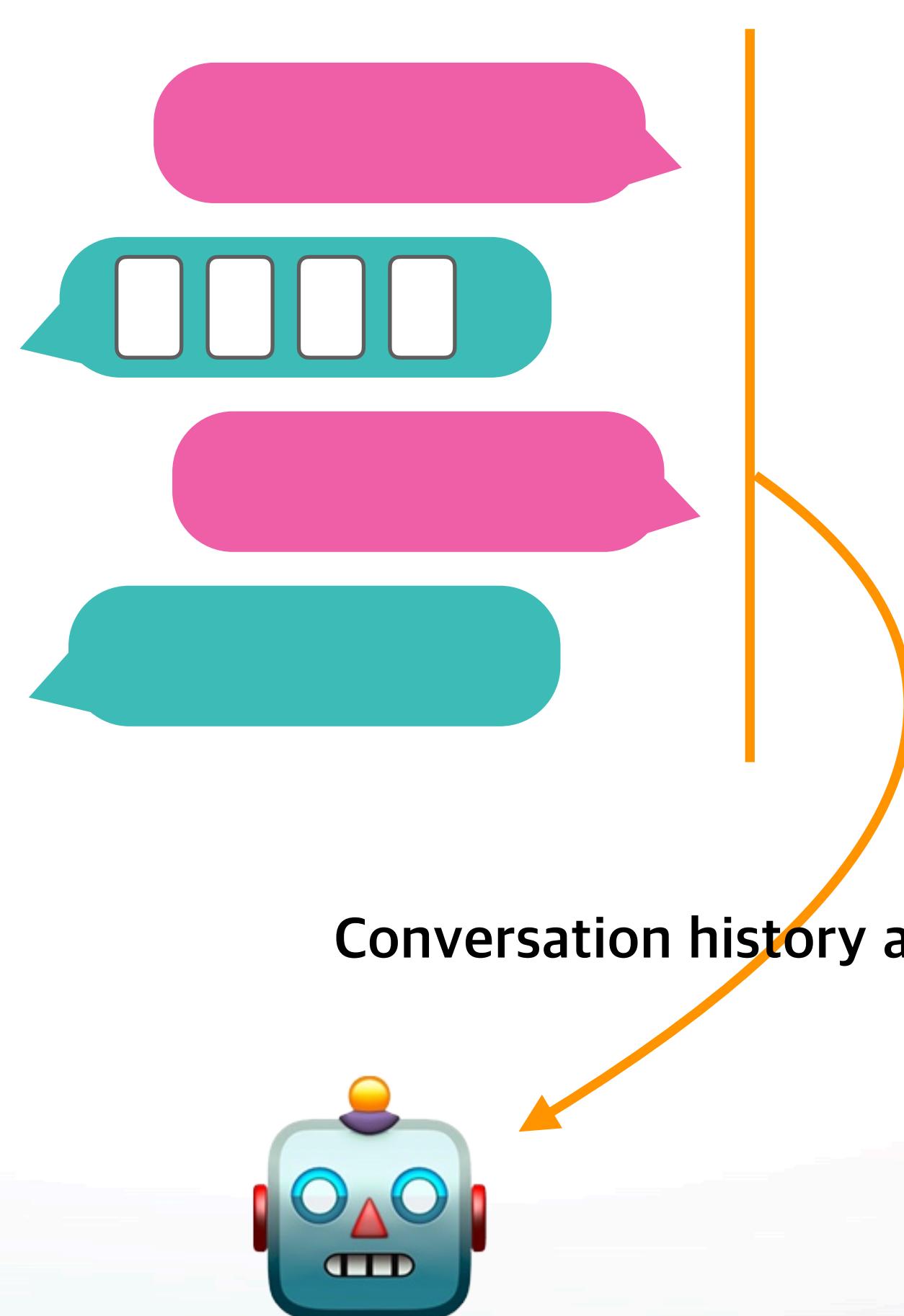
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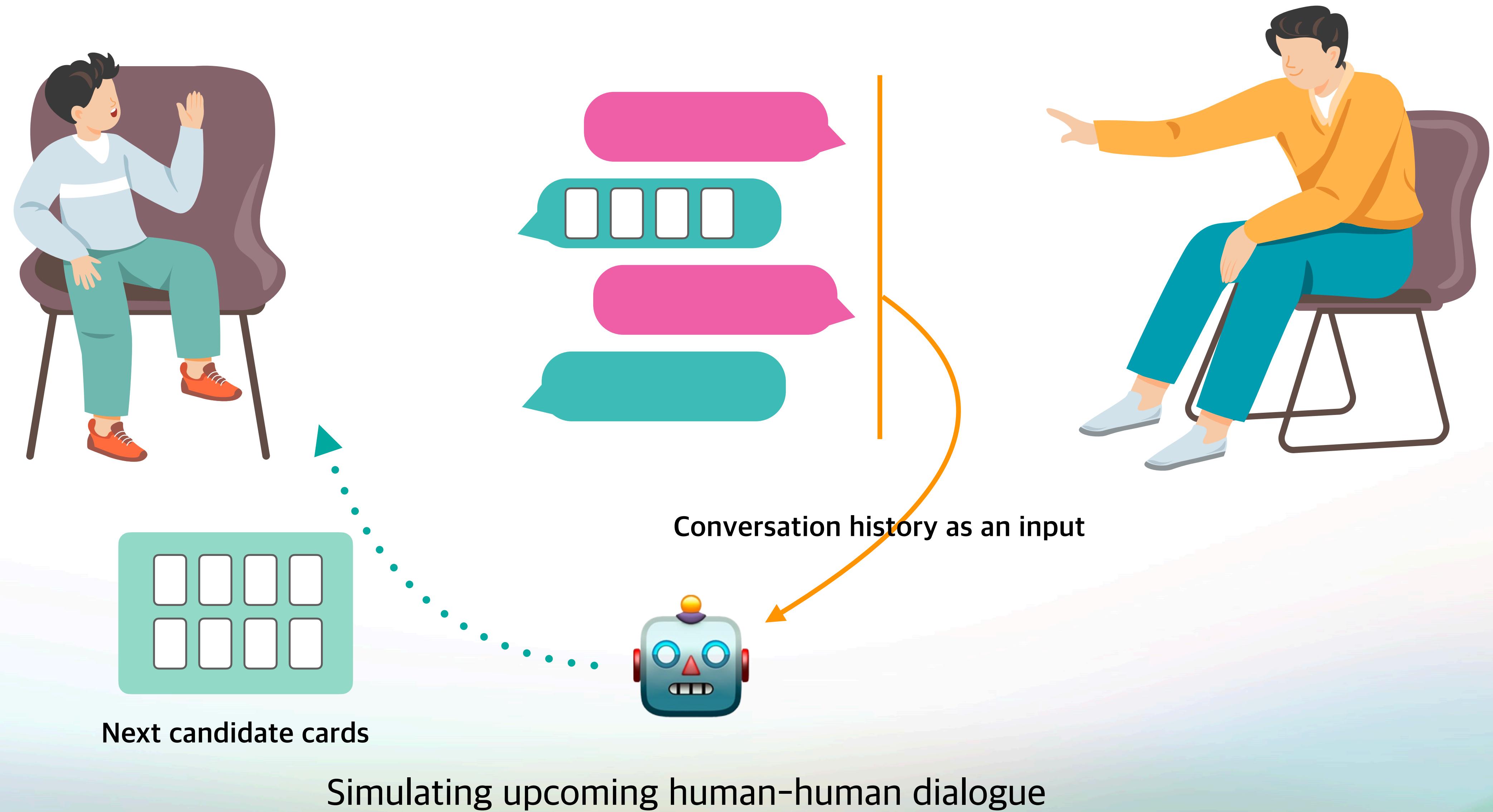
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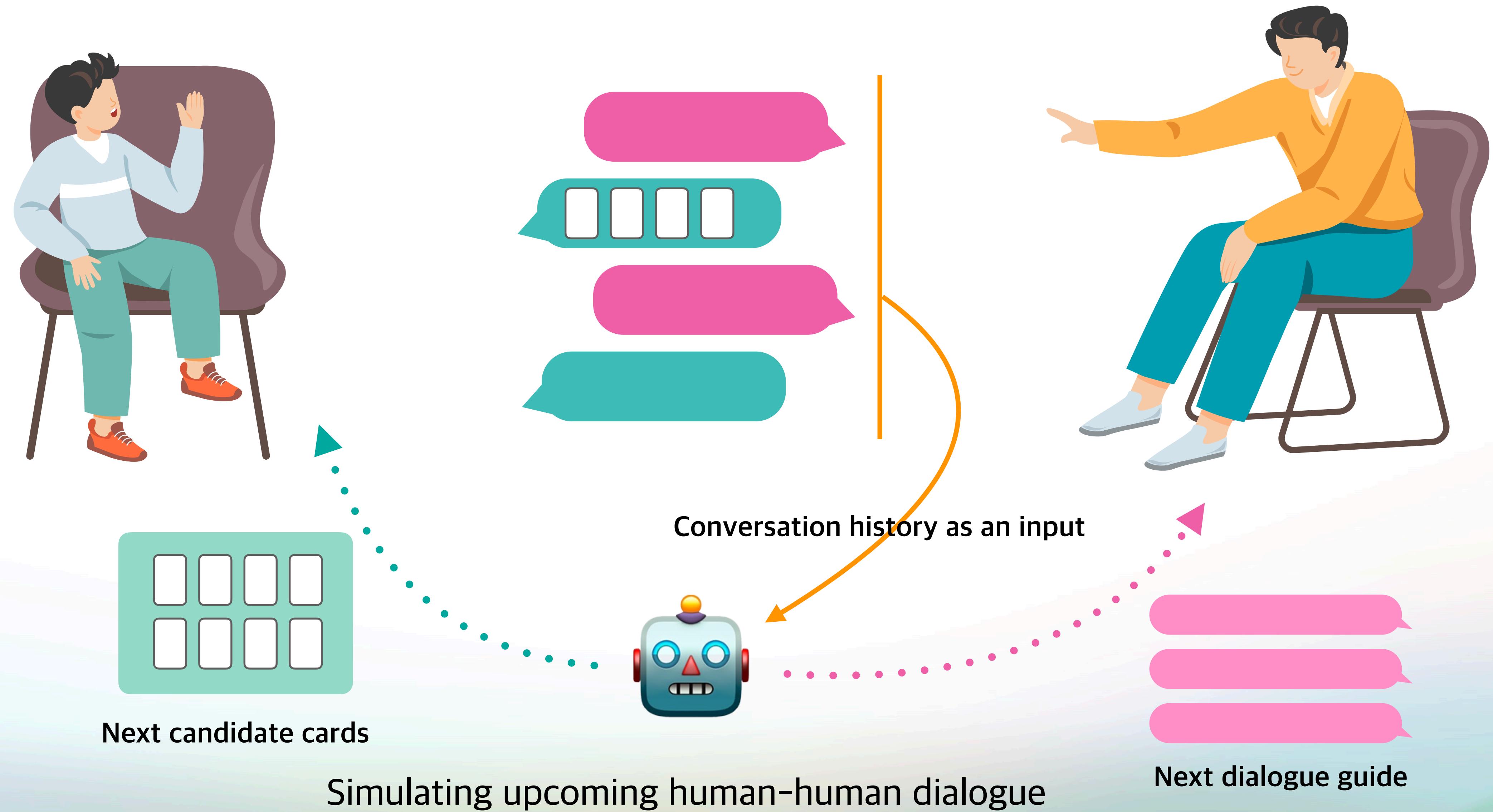


Simulating upcoming human-human dialogue

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User Study

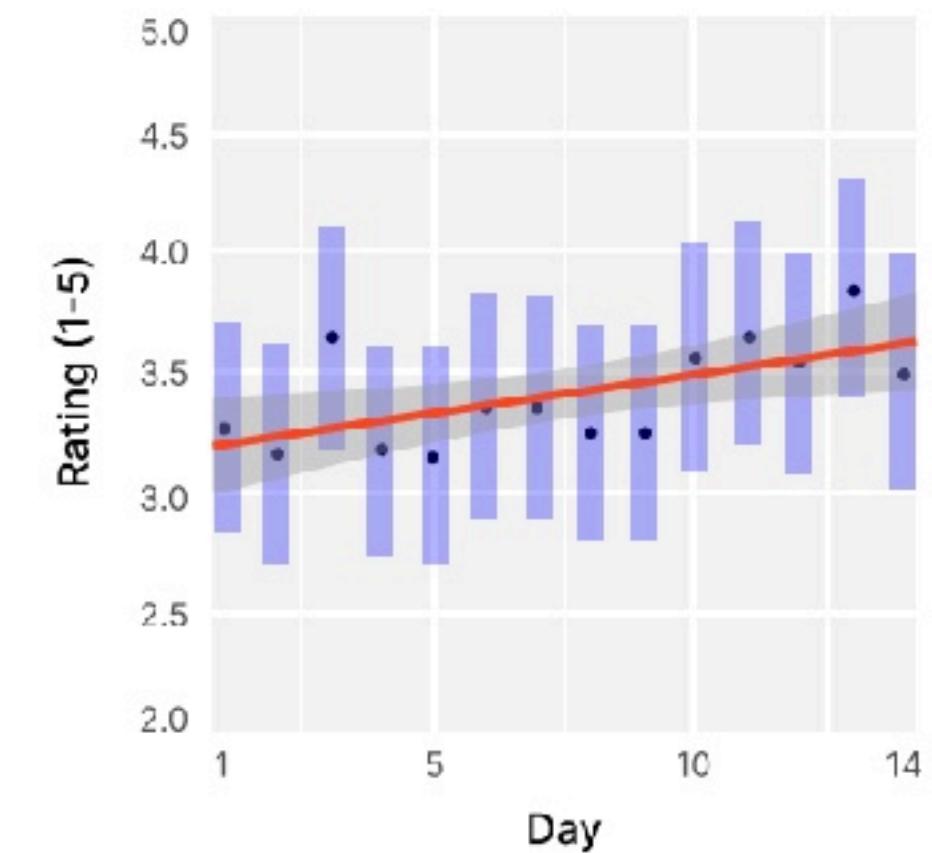
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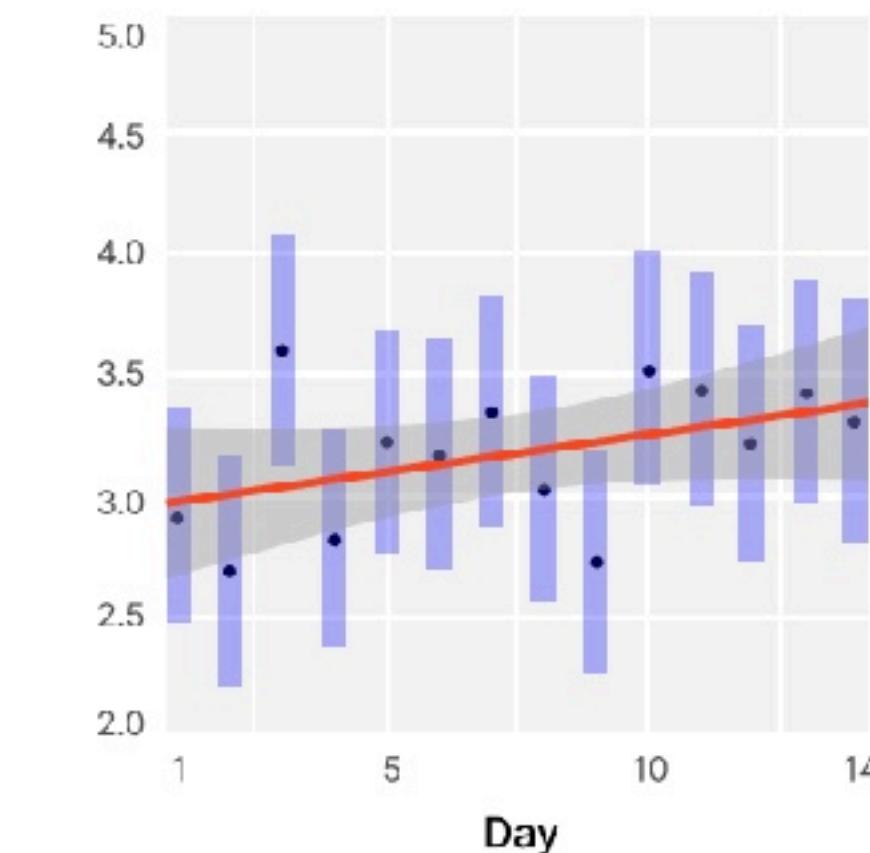
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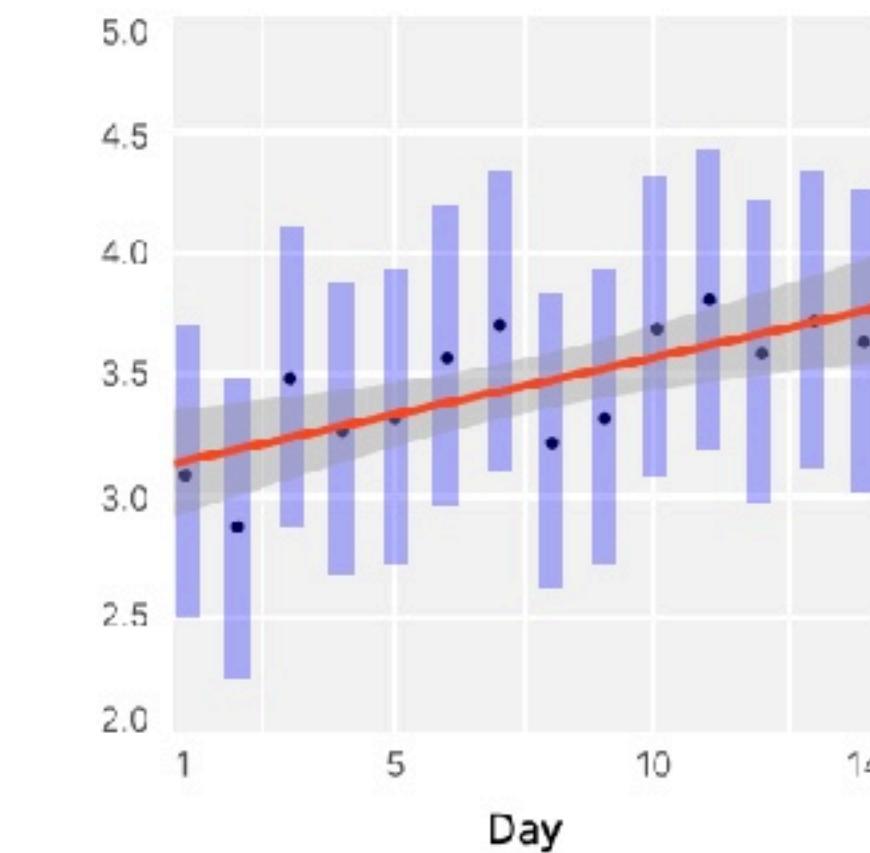
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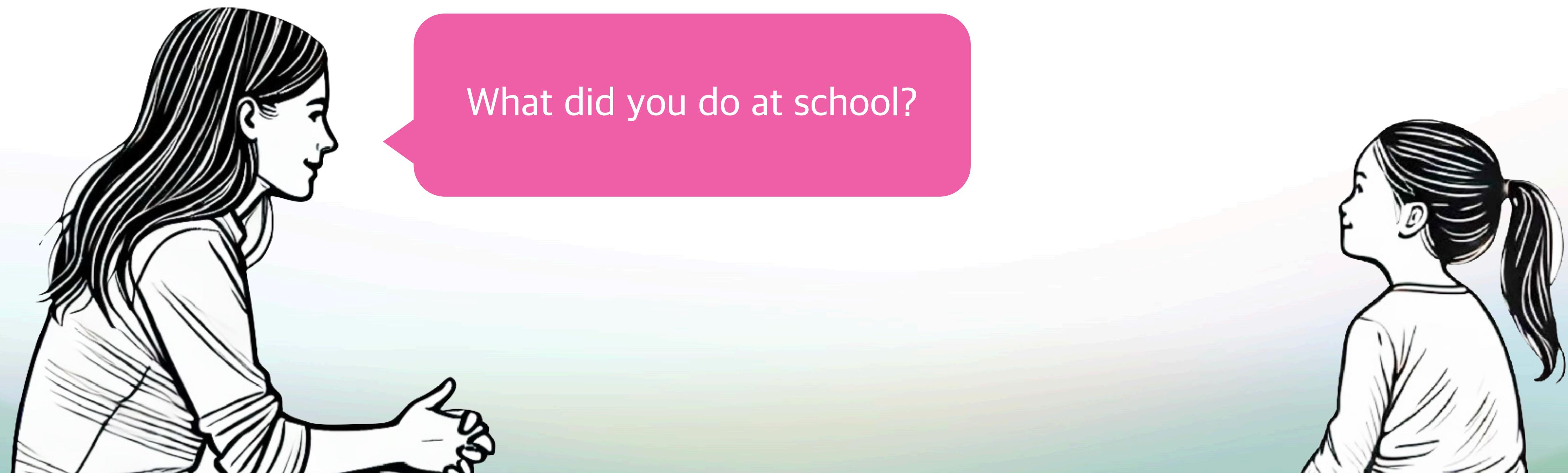


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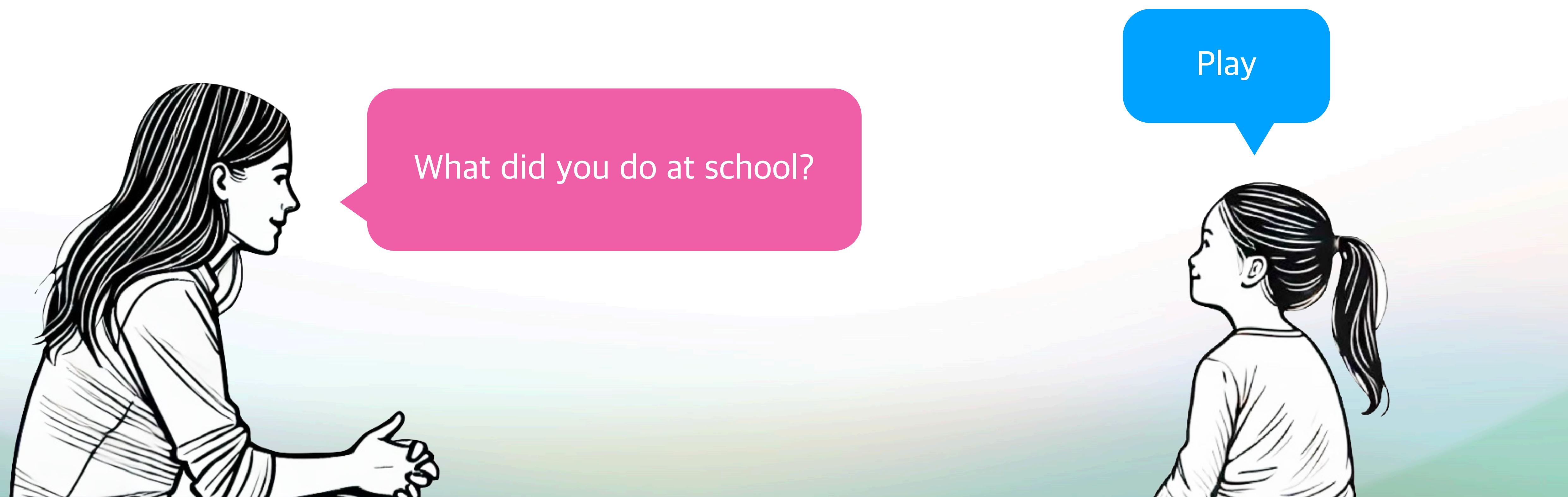
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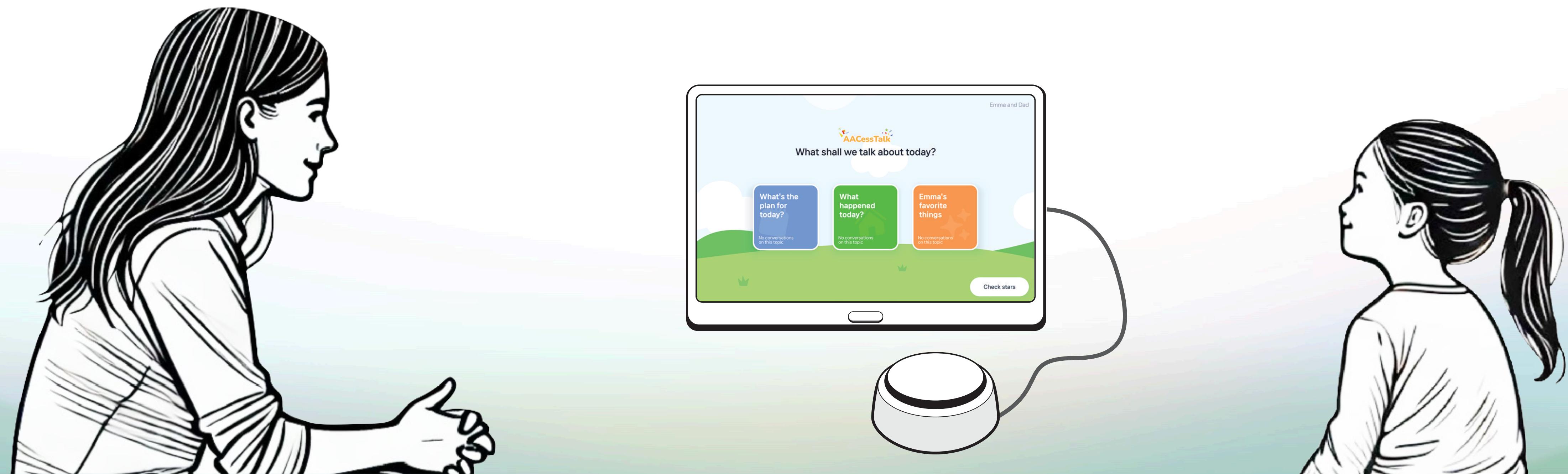
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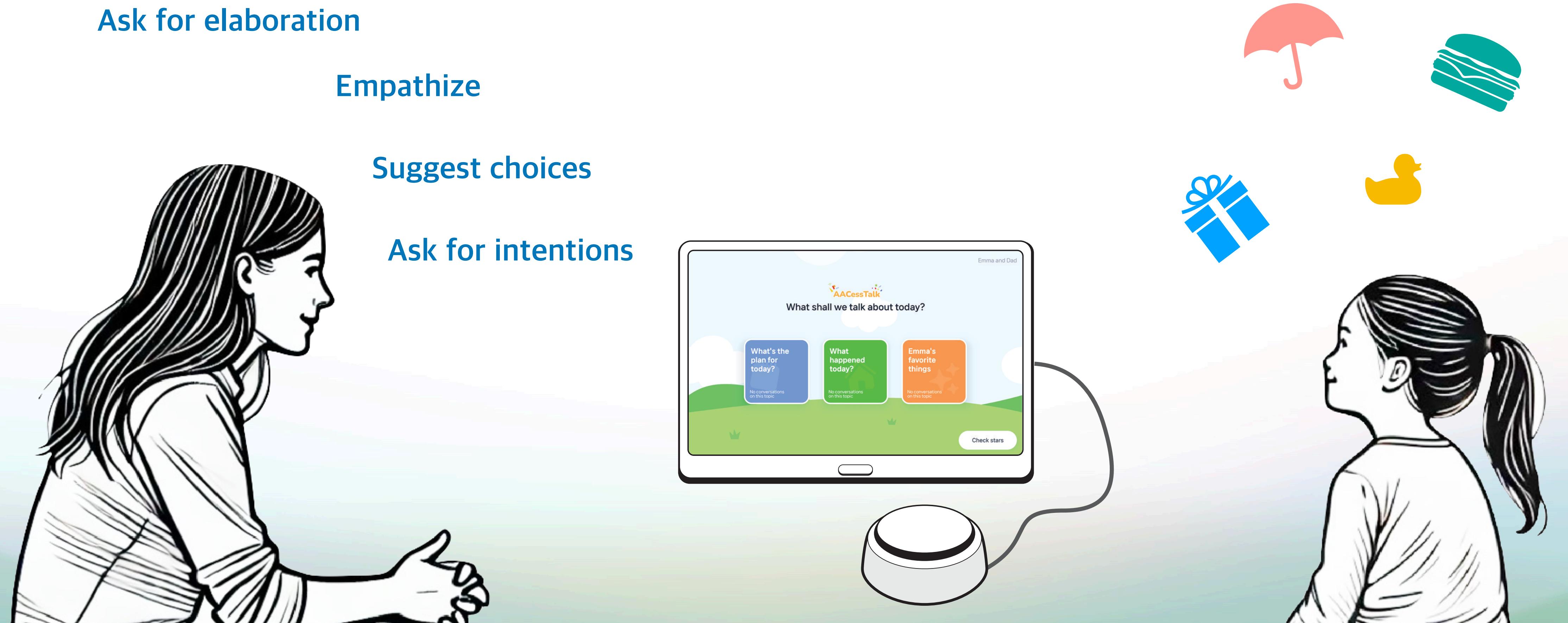
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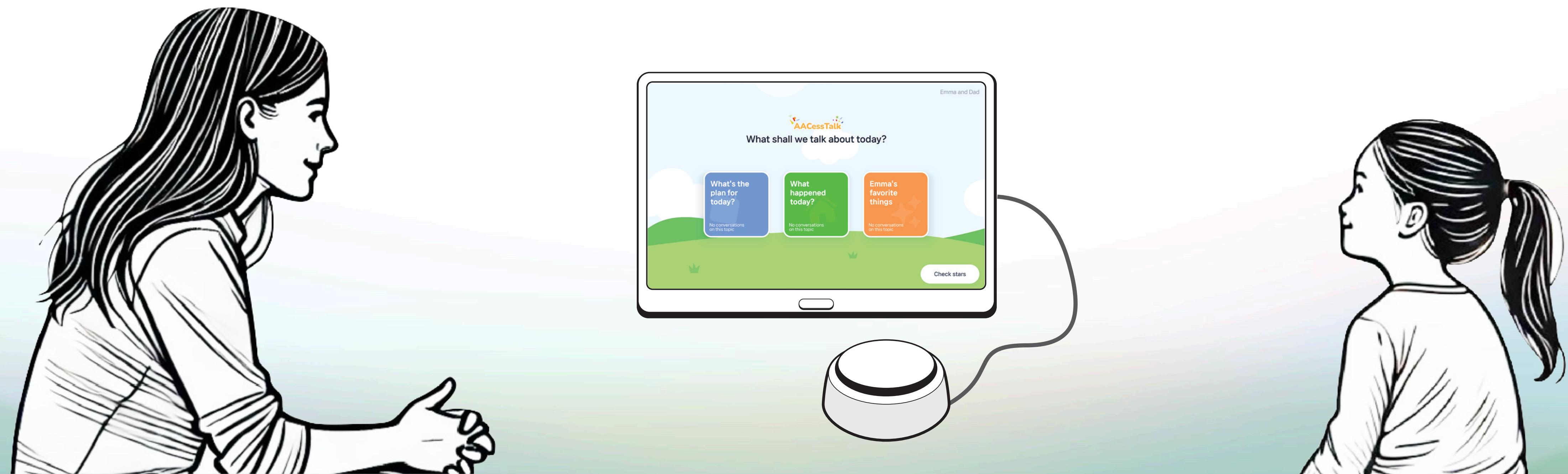
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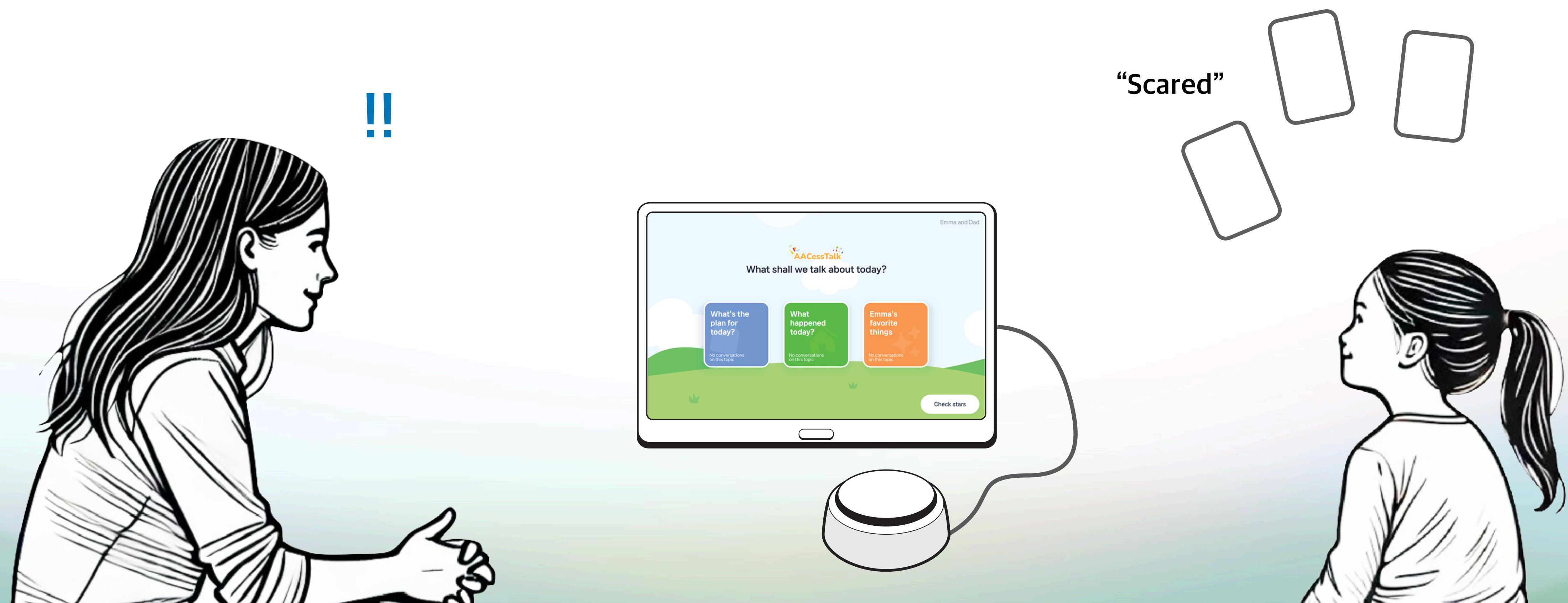
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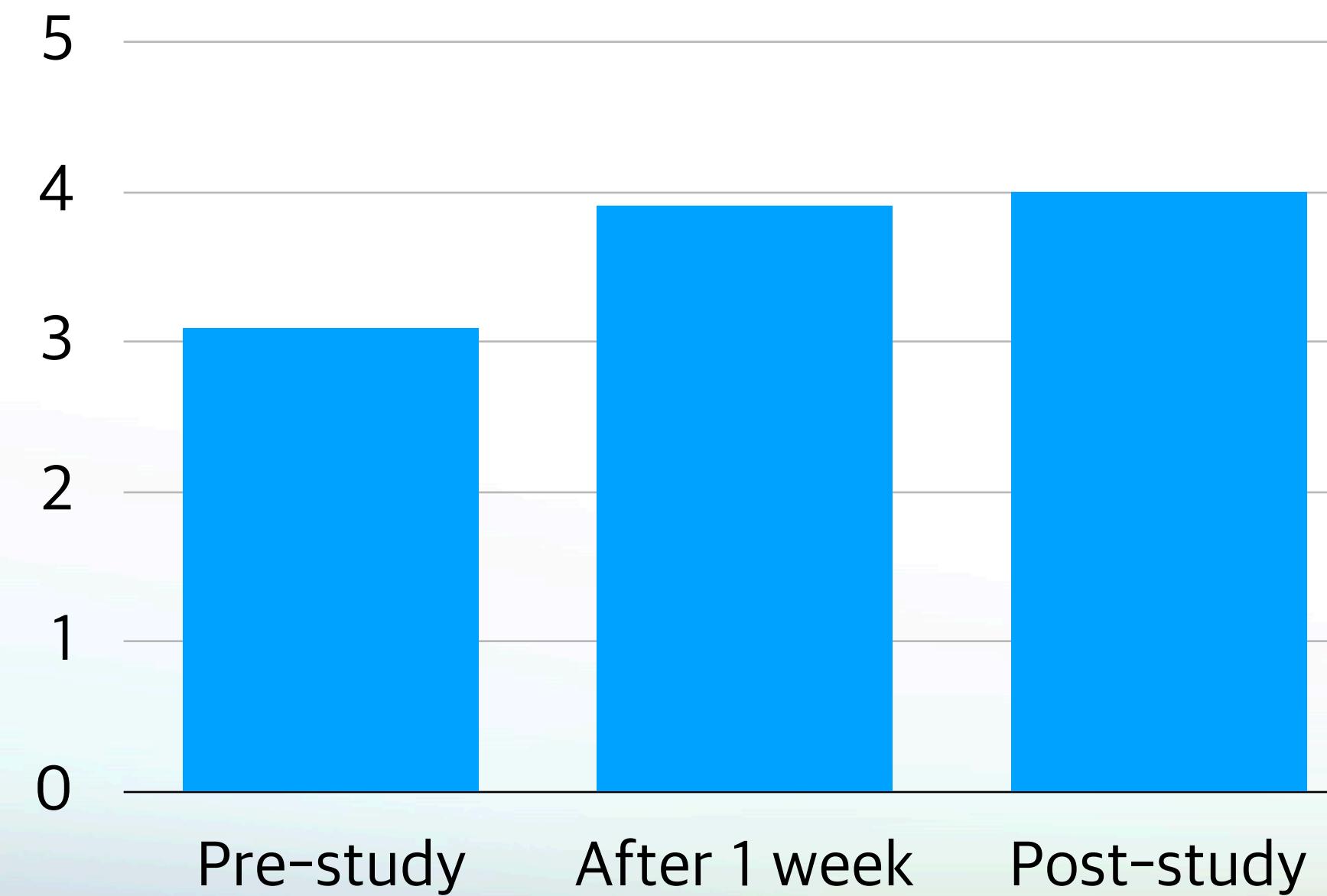
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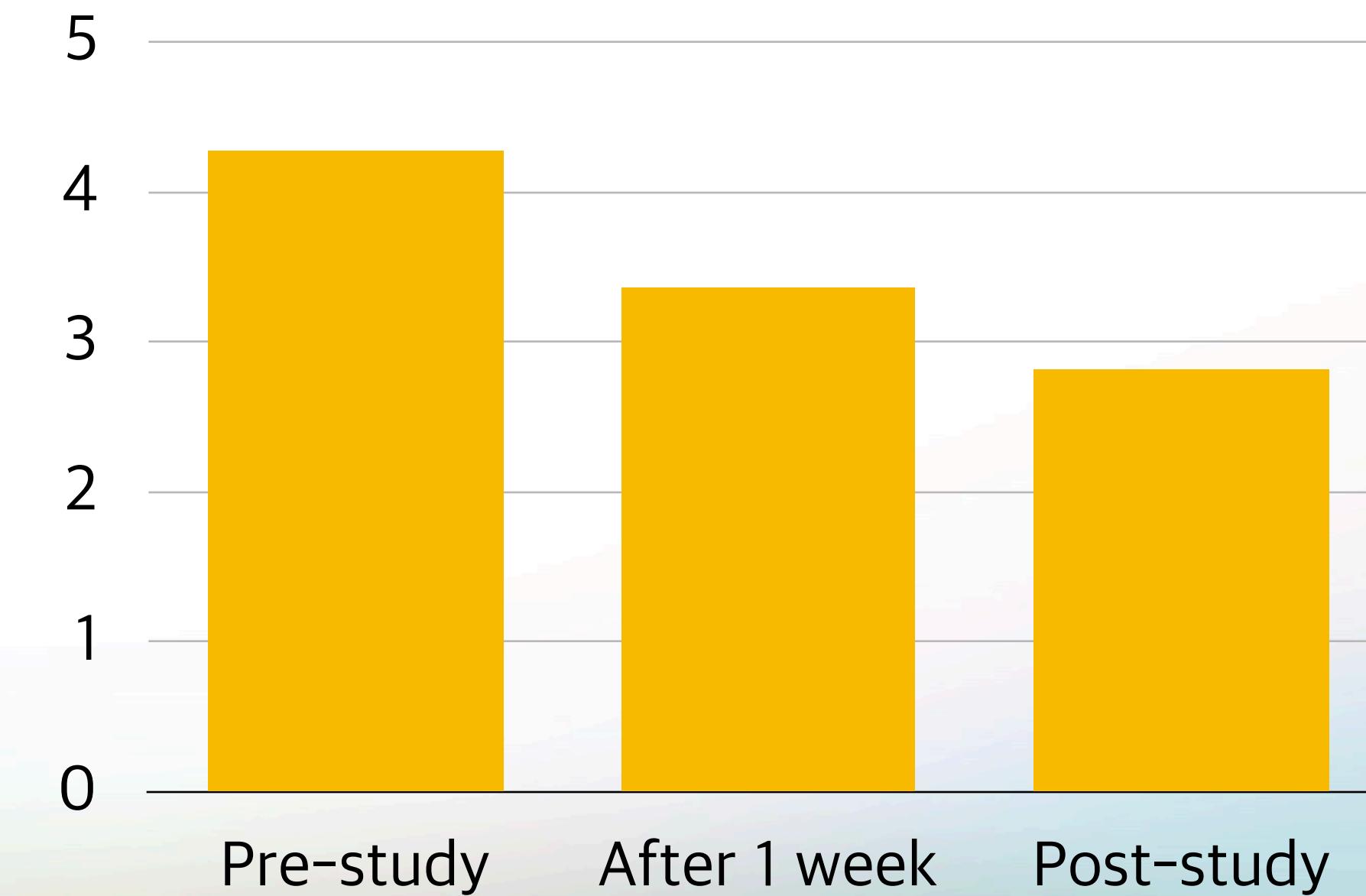
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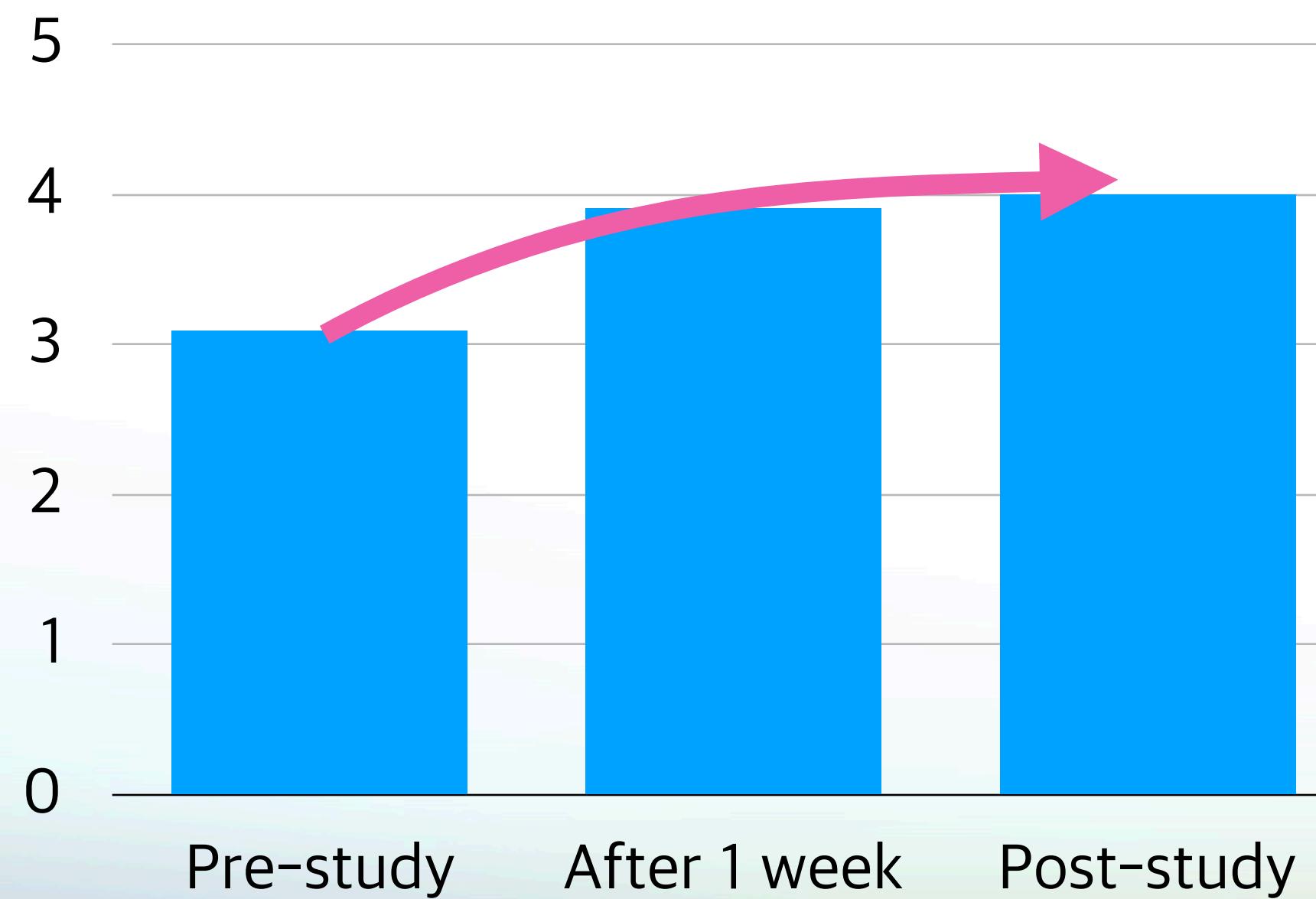
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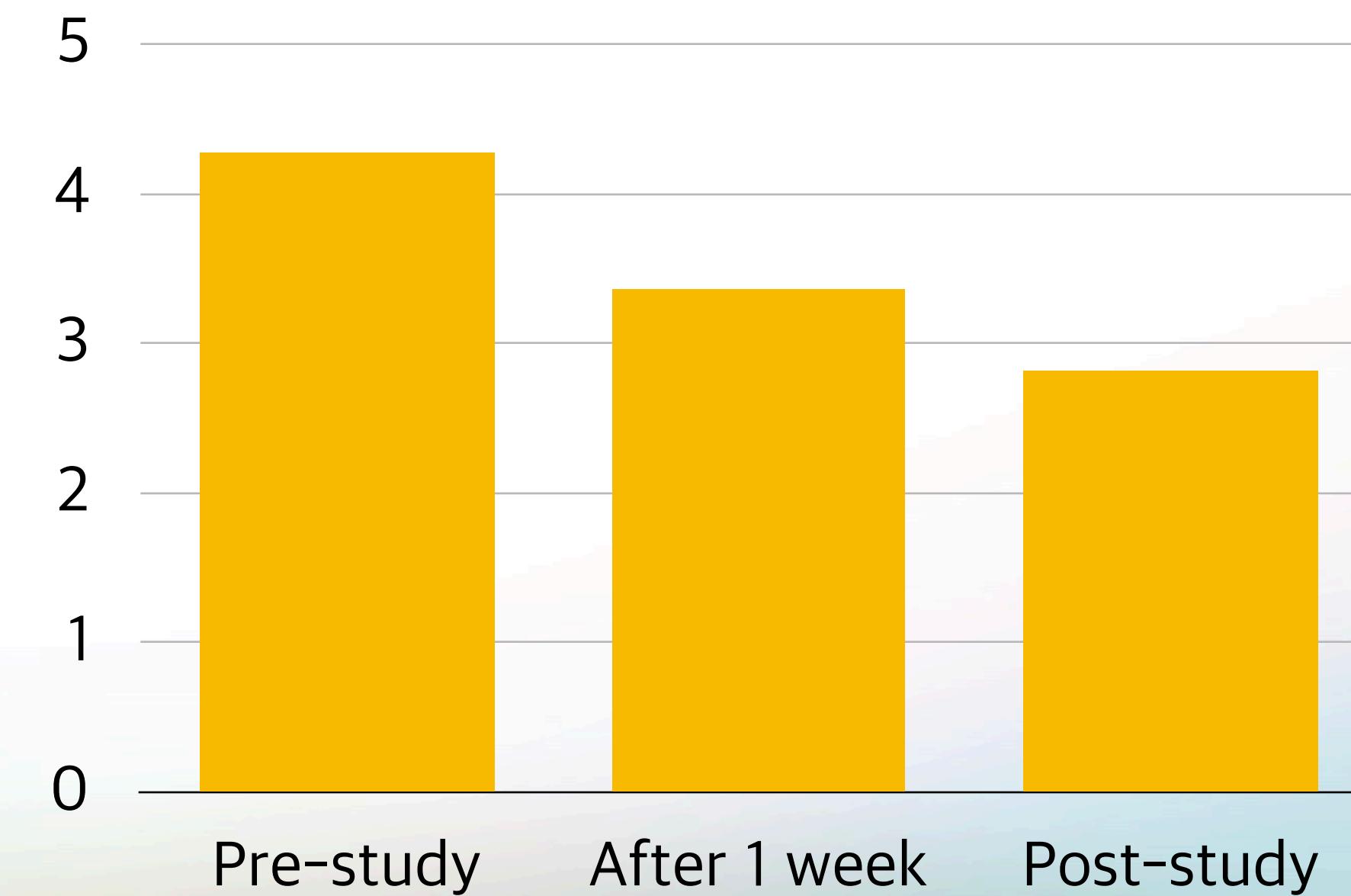
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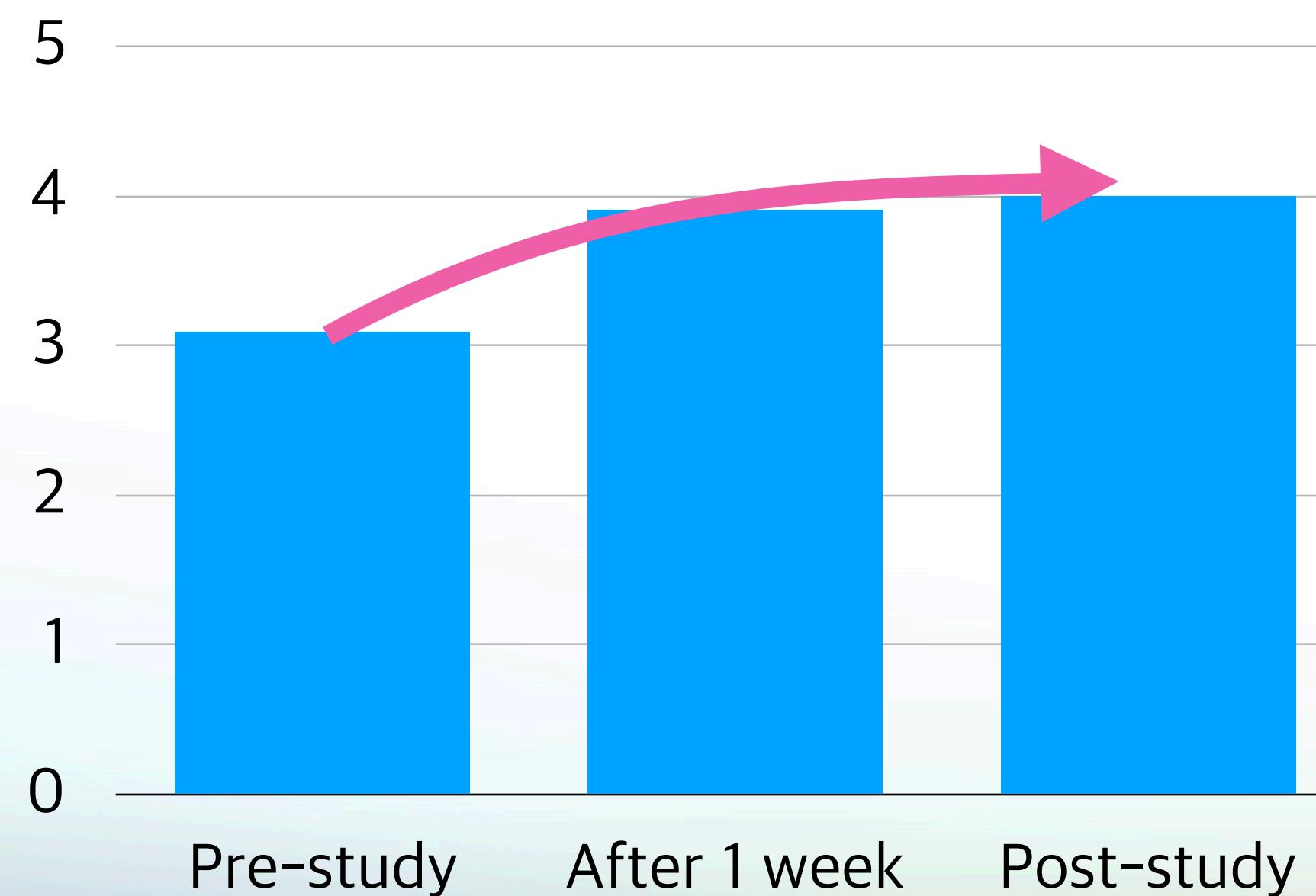
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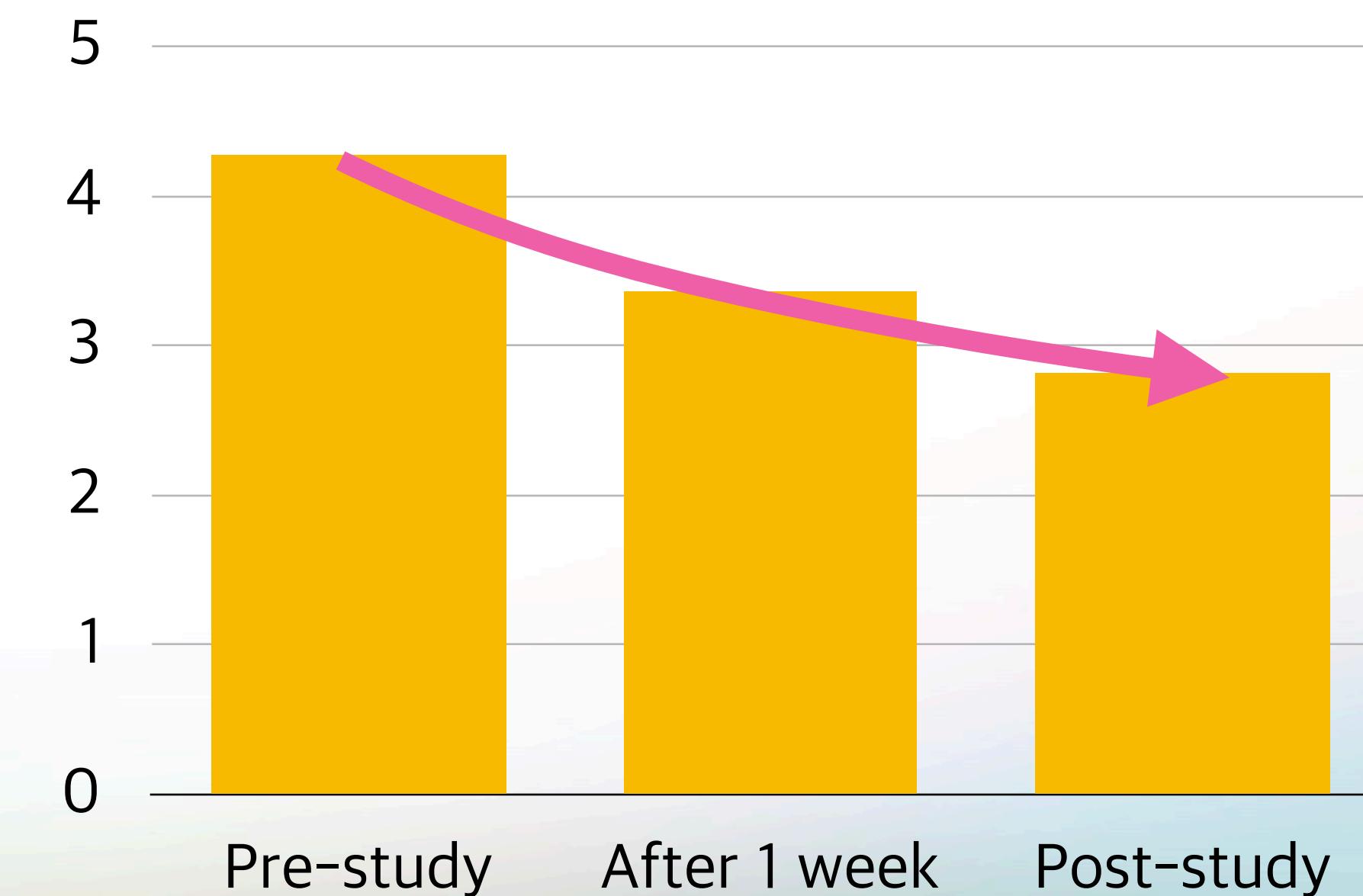
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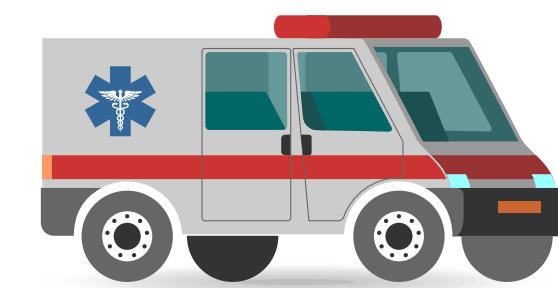
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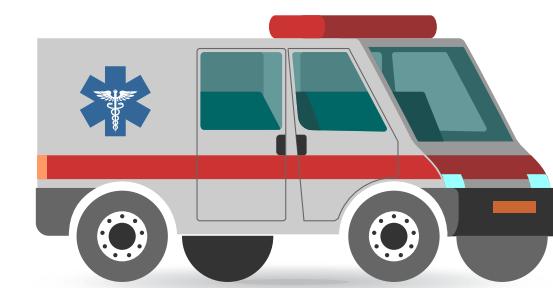
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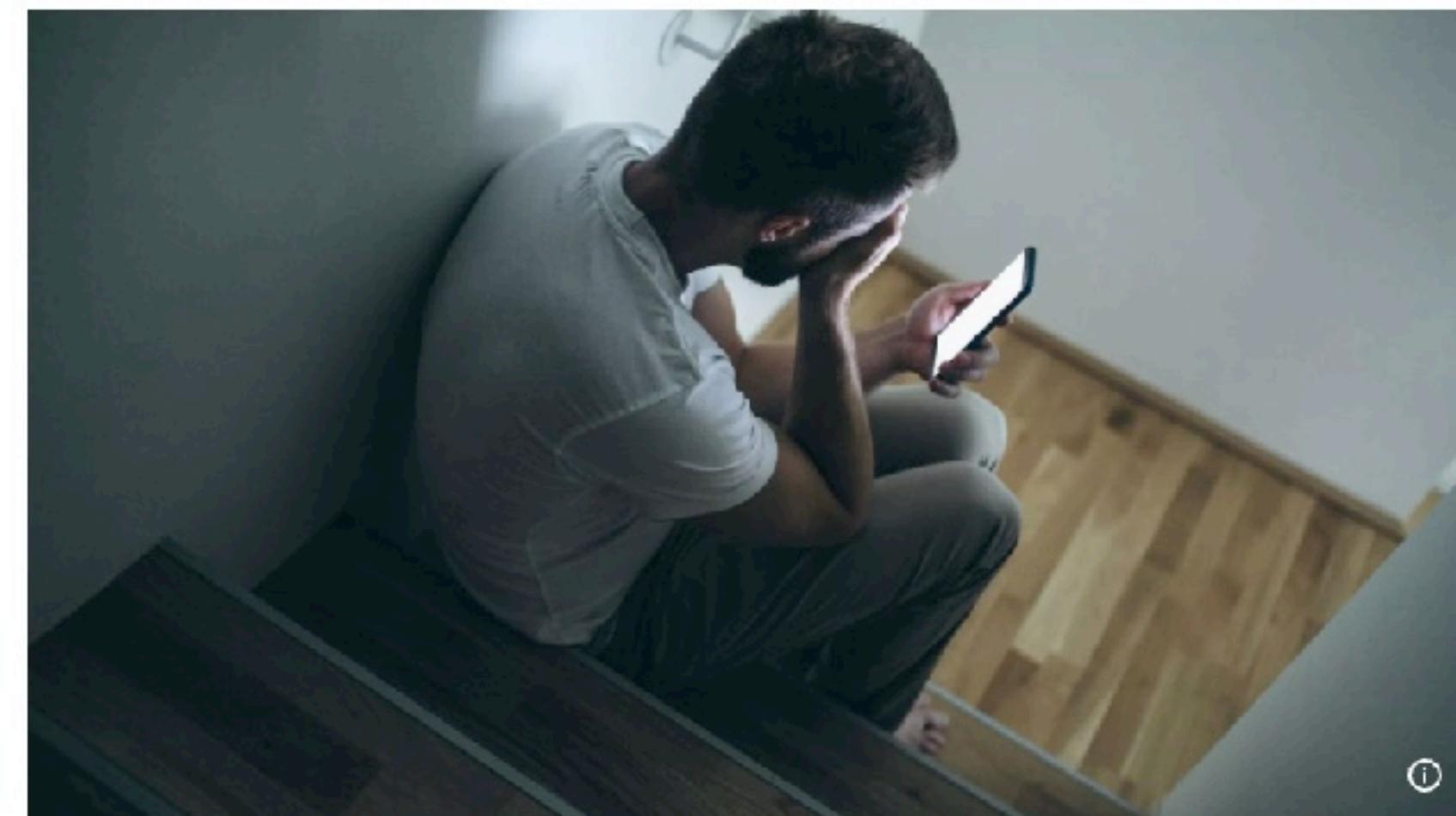
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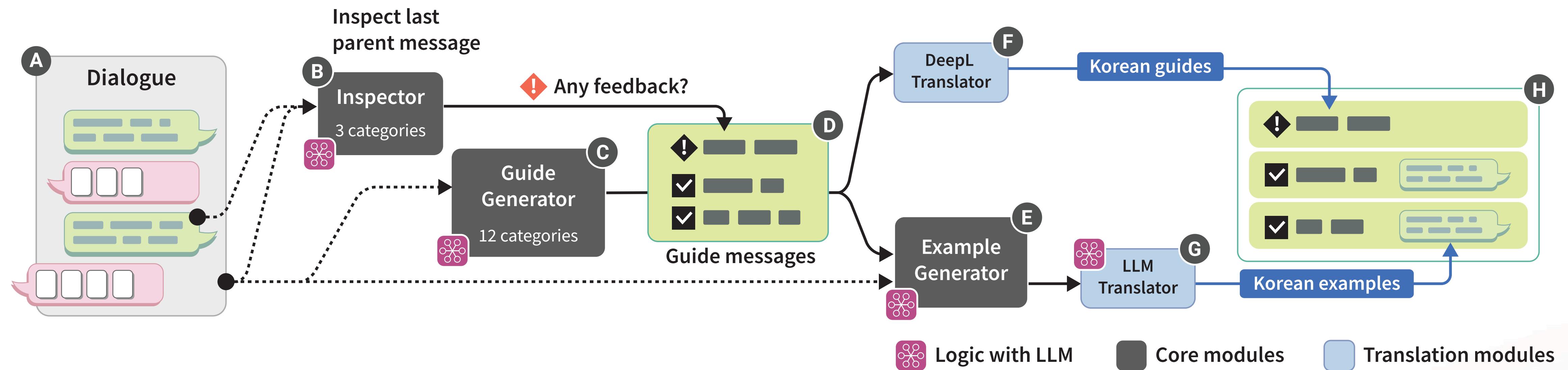
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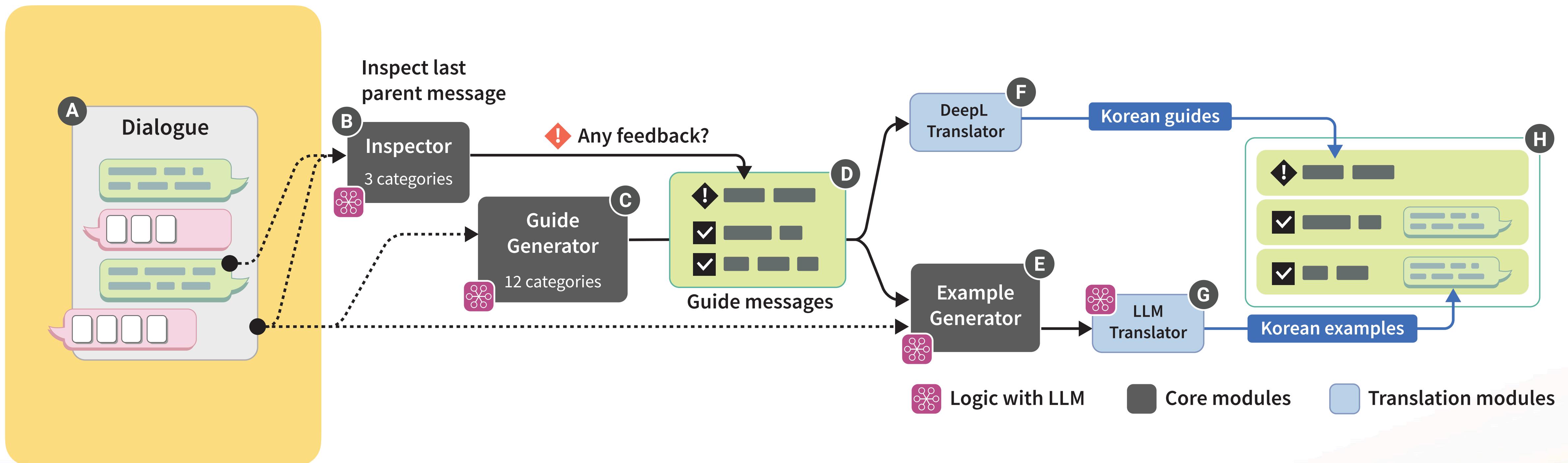
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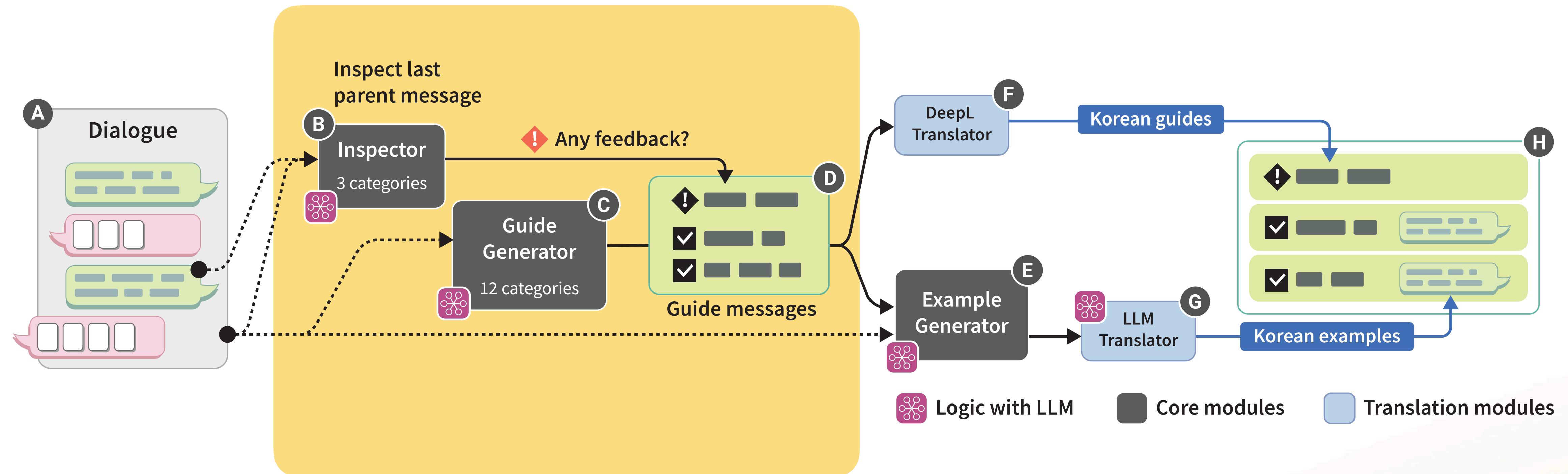
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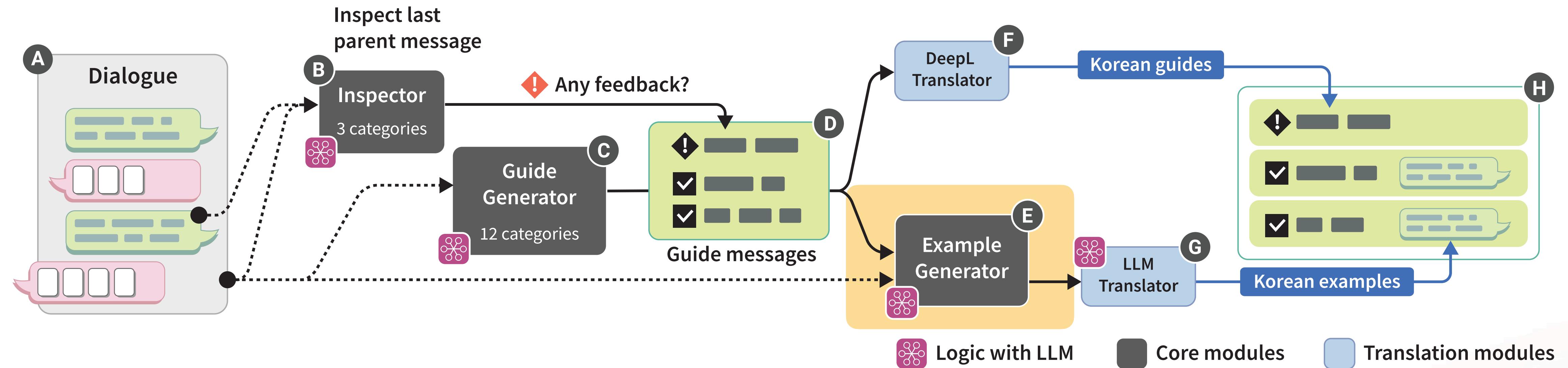


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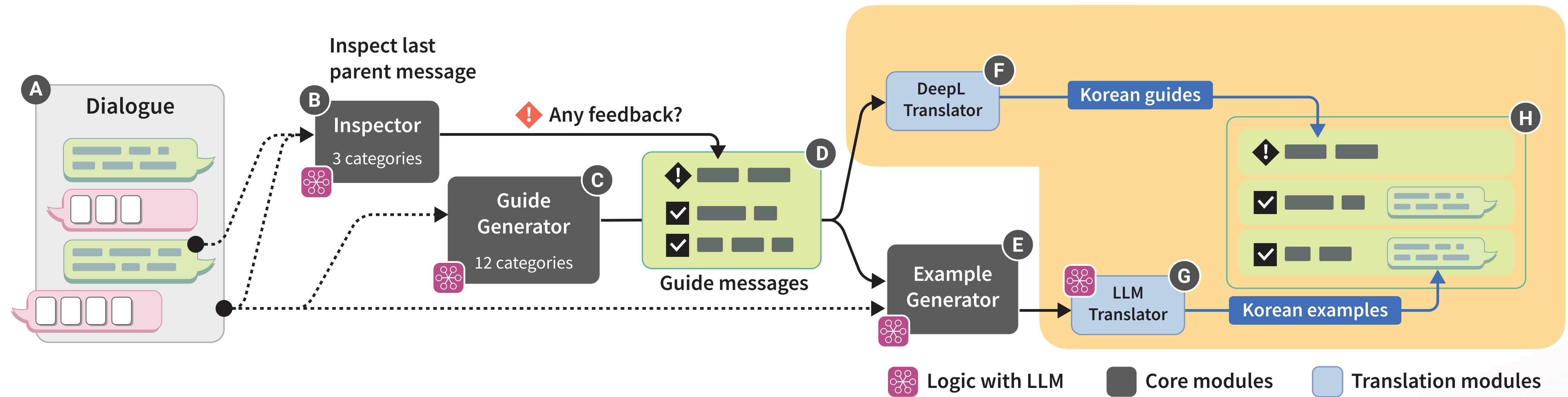
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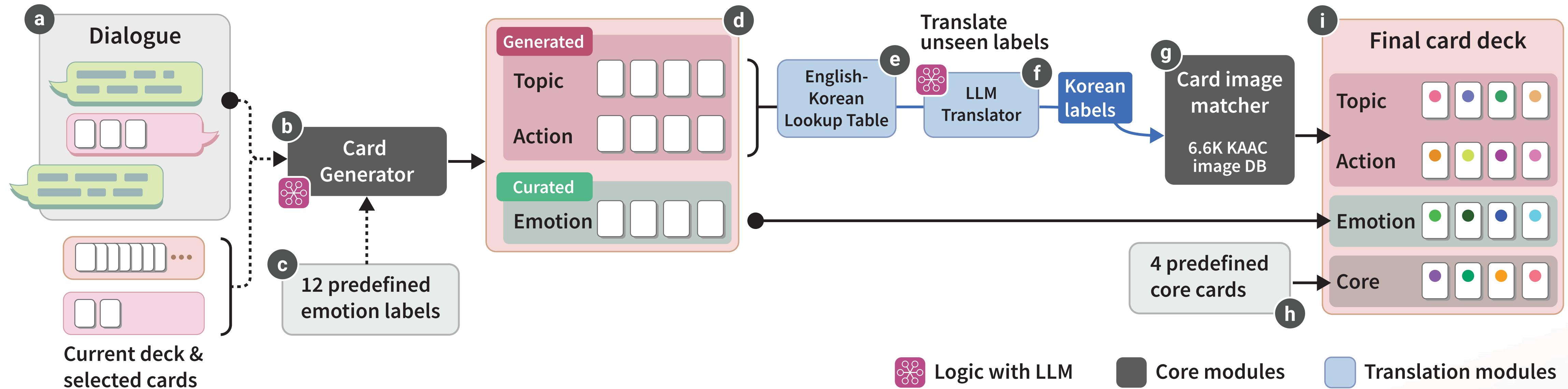
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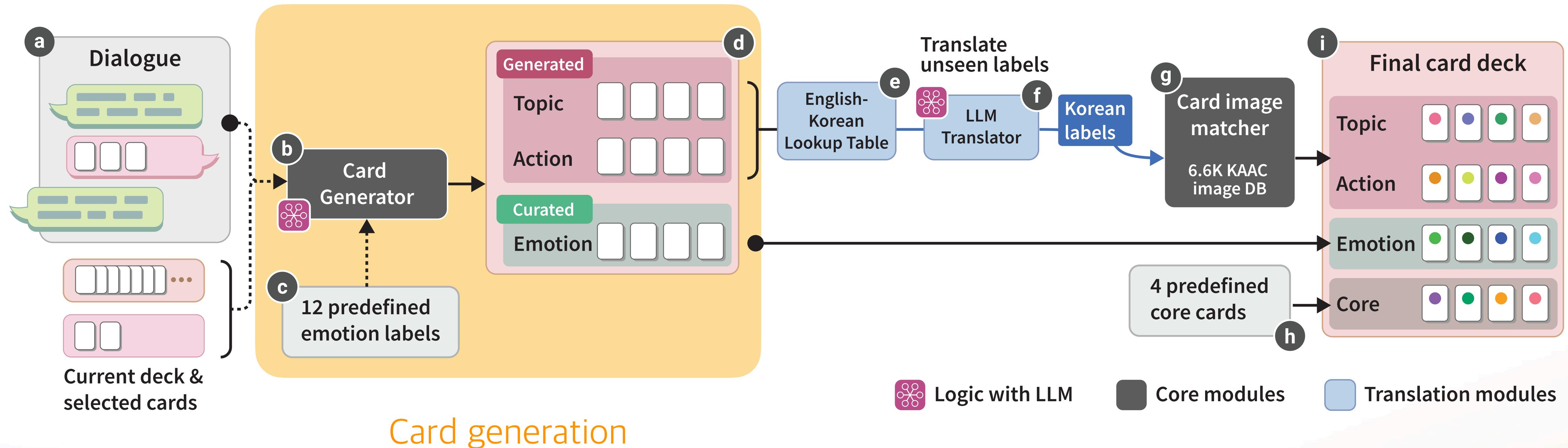


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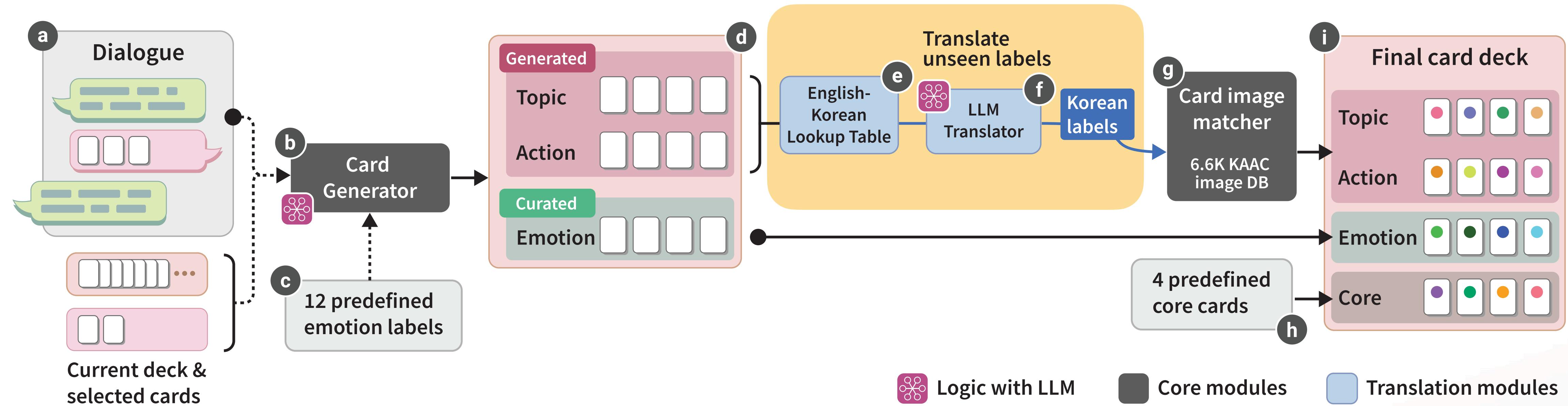


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