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LEARNING · THINKING · SHARING

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■ Using the writing square to practice writing Chinese character in the journal.





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Shanghai



What is Dialog?

The **Dialog Interactive Journaling Program** is a new model of language learning. It aims to provide an interactive communication platform for both Chinese and American students to connect individually with each other's language and culture.

The pilot program is operating between the sister cities – Shanghai and San Francisco. The students will share their knowledge of language and culture with their peers in the other country.

The program includes two forms of journals. One is a physical paper-based journal, the other one is a digital online journal. The physical journal is for interacting physically – students will hold the journal in their hands to write, draw or collage things for their peers on the other side of the world. After doing physical journal, the students will go to online and use the digital journal. The online journal will provide different learning areas and activities. They will have chance to meet their friends online too. They can email each other, share their photos with each other, or even Skype to talk to and see the new friends.

The two journal forms offer different learning experiences, which develop writing, listening, speaking and reading skills.



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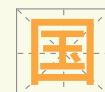
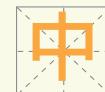
Shanghai is located in eastern China. It is the largest city in population in the People's Republic of China and one of the largest cities in population in the world. Shanghai is a global city, with influence in commerce, culture, finance, media, fashion, technology, and transport. It is a major financial center and the busiest container port in the world.

For centuries, a major administrative, shipping, and trading town, Shanghai grew in importance in the 19th century. The city was one of several opened to foreign trade. The city then became a center of commerce between east and west.

Shanghai is a popular tourist destination renowned for its historical landmarks such as The Bund, City God Temple and Yuyuan Garden, as well as the extensive and growing Lujiazui skyline. It has been described as the “show-piece” of the booming economy of mainland China.

General knowledge of China

China has the world's oldest continuous civilization. Its culture is fascinatingly different from any country in the world. Knowing of China will give you greater opportunities than ever before – let's start the journey.





What do you know about China?

Write one wo in Chinese or English to describe China in your mind.

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Culture exploration

In this module, we will explore and discuss some Chinese cultural and societal phenomenons to discover what the differences between their lives and yours. And you can discover what you think about the differences.





DIFFERENT FAMILY STRUCTURES

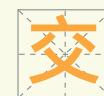
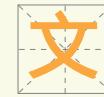
A family of three

Today, different from America, most of Chinese families have only three people – dad, mom and a son or a daughter. We call it an one-child family.

China's one child policy was established by the Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, in 1979 to limit communist China's population growth. The policy limits couples to having only one child. The rule has been estimated to have reduced population growth in the country by 1.3 billion, as much as 300 million people over its first twenty years. Sometimes, the law allows for a second child under certain circumstances.

Let us start dialog!

It is time to start a dialog with your Chinese friend. In this journal, you will be required to write a letter (around 100 Chinese characters or less) to talk about your families. **Each student has one spread (two pages) to write.**



YOU MAY START THINKING FROM HERE

- ▶ How many members in your family?
- ▶ What do your parents do?
- ▶ How would you introduce yourself?
- ▶ Do you have a pet?
- ▶ What is your hobby and interests?
- ▶ How is your everyday life?
- ▶ What do you want to do when you grow up?
- ▶ What is your dream?

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THINKING – PRACTICE FOR THE LETTER

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亲爱的中国朋友：

你好，很高兴认识你，我很开心可以写信给你。我的名字是xxx。我和我的爸爸妈妈，哥哥姐姐一起住在旧金山。我的家还有一只大狗宠物，他的名字叫xxx。我正在学习中文，希望和你成为好朋友，你可以教我中文吗？我们一起学习好吗？

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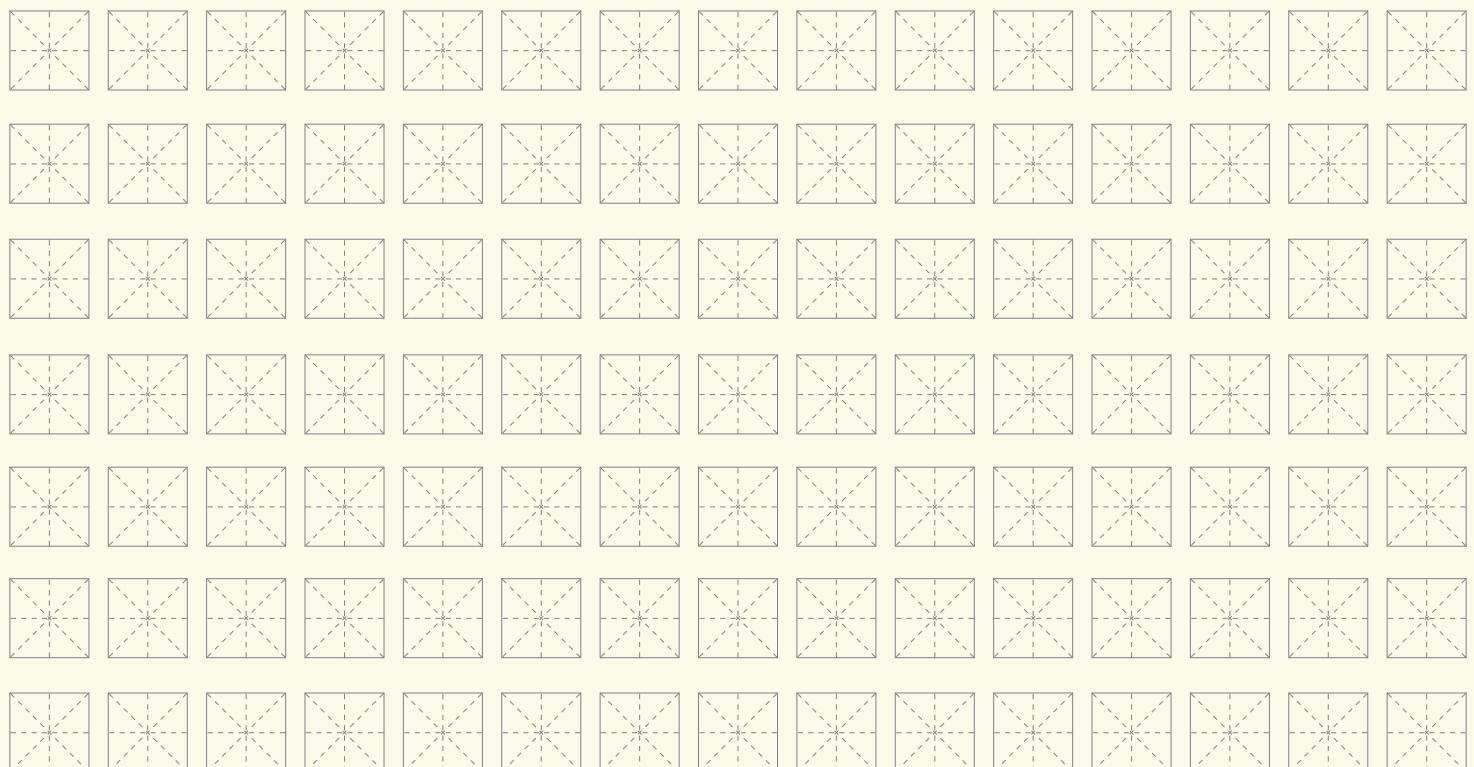
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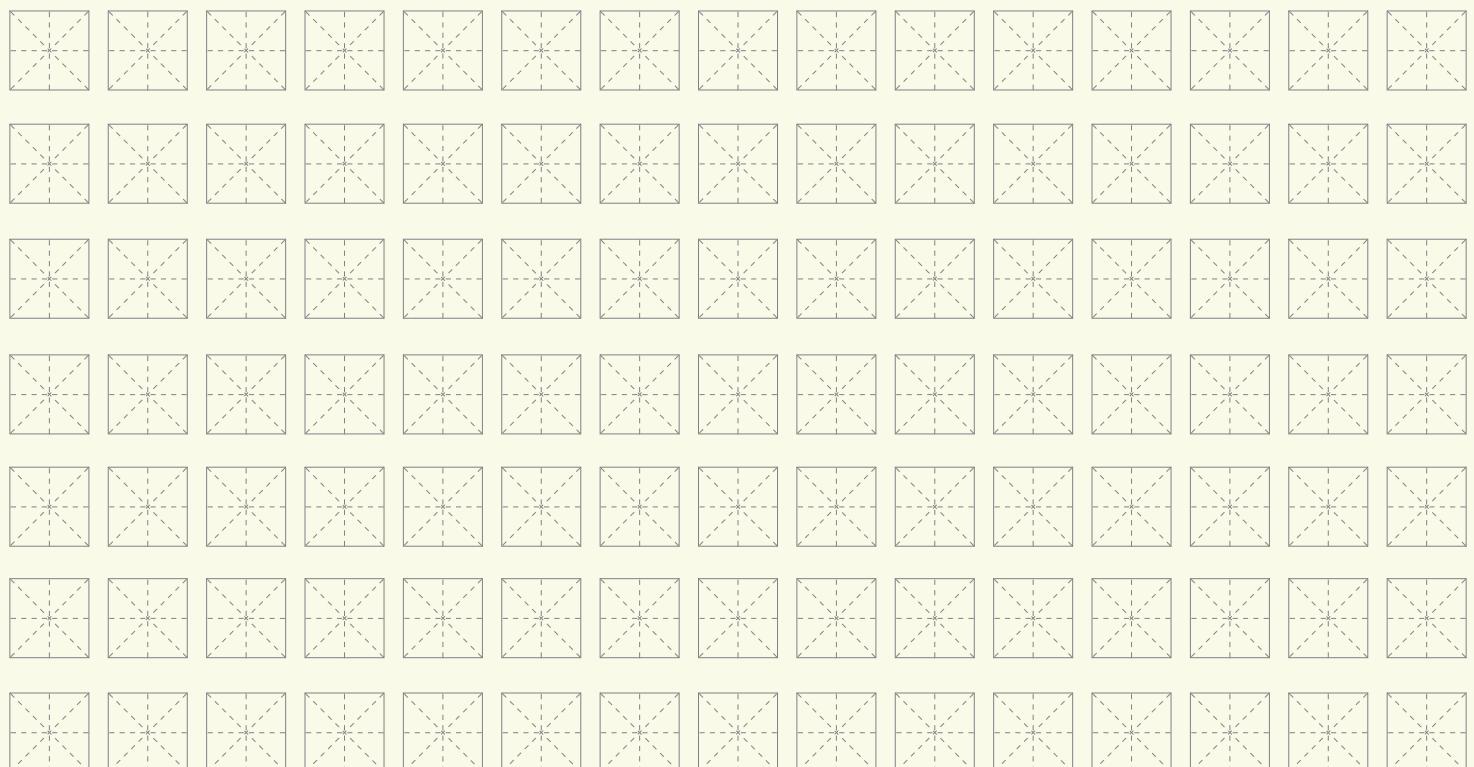
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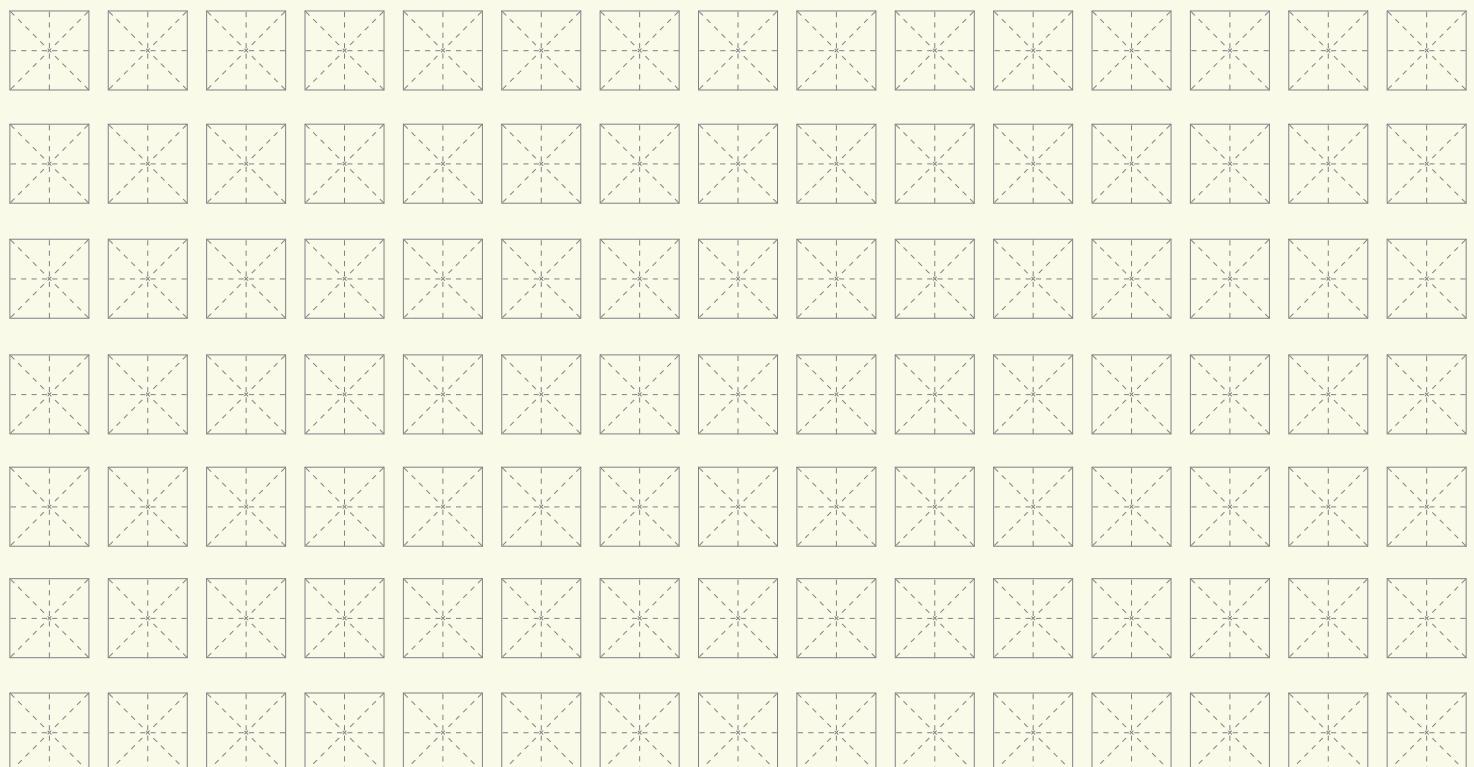
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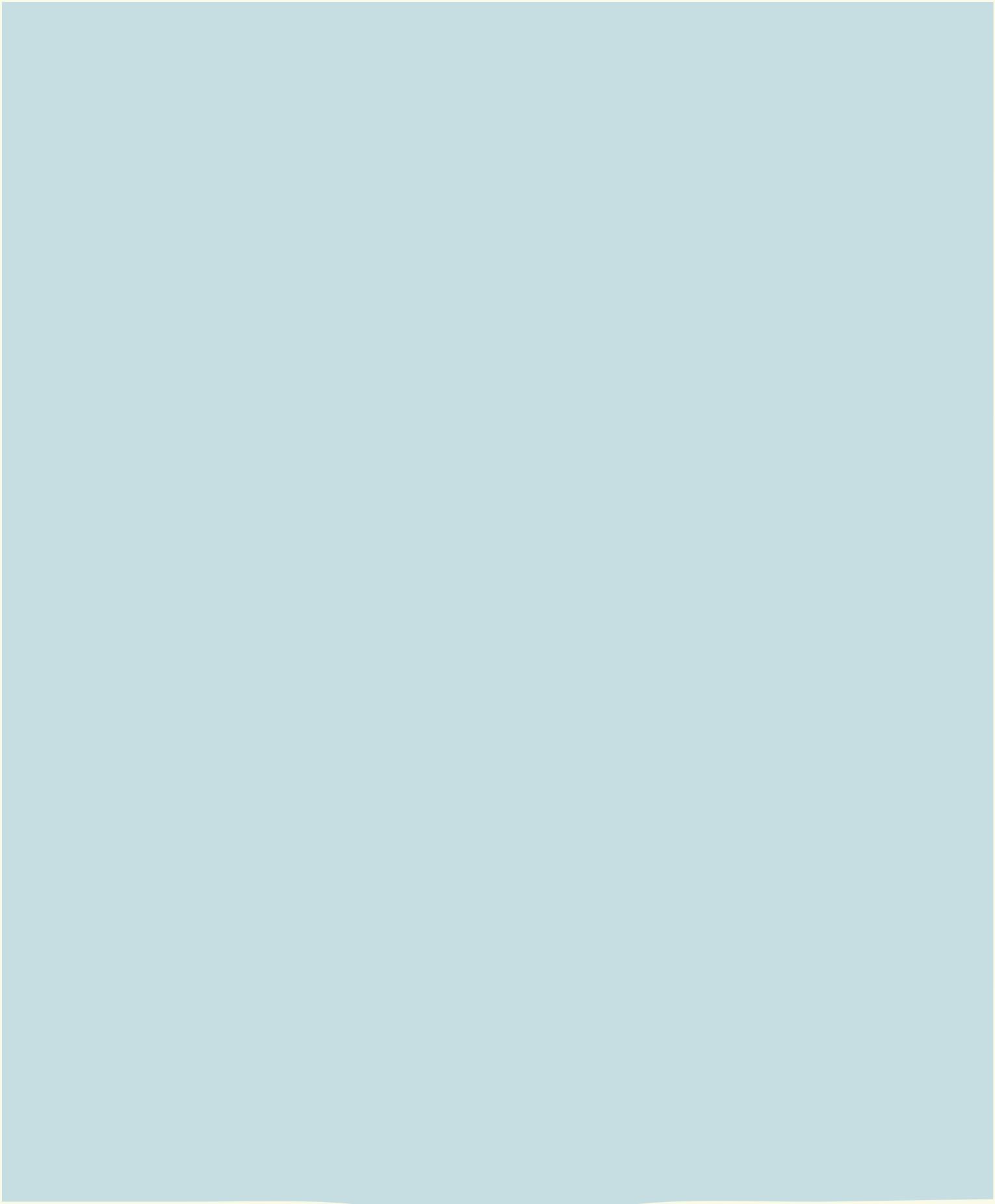
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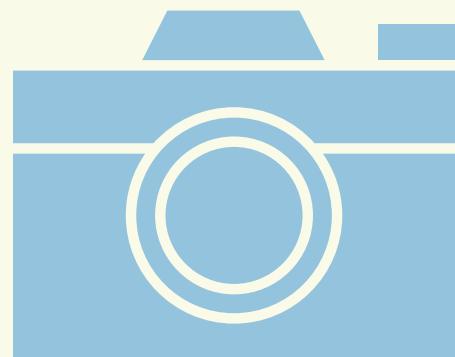


写下你的名字，为你的朋友写下你的祝福。

Sign your names, and write down the best wishes for your Chinese friends.

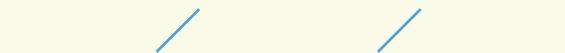


Attach your group photo here to share the happiness moment with your Chinese friends.



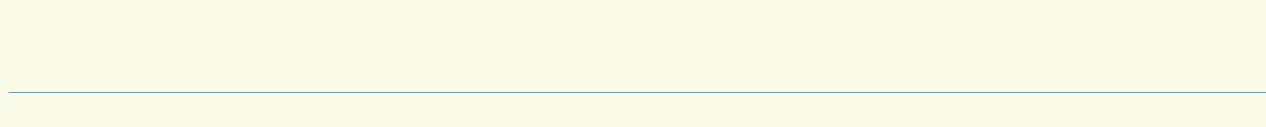
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