

Themes in the Book

Trust

Reliance on Others

Honesty

Loss

Resolve

Vocabulary

Vocabulary lists can be used in many ways. Your learner may want to make a vocabulary book or cards – they could be kept in a small pocket stapled to the story map folder. Or you could use these words as hooks for discussion, or an exploration of the dictionary.

desi

astrolabe

luminescent

bigot

analog

vizier

schism

perpendicular

provisions

azure

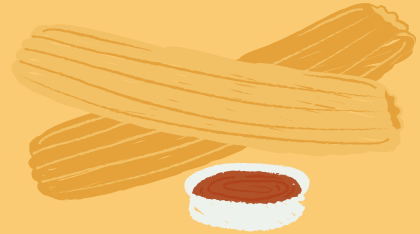
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Activities

Make You Tiao aka Chinese Doughnuts



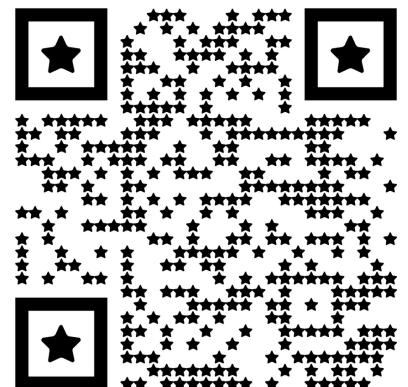
Mia and her brother buy you tiao from a street vendor. Would you also like to try Chinese doughnuts? Written 油条 in Mandarin, you tiao are also called yàuhjagwái or 'oil fried ghosts' in Cantonese! Traditionally they are savoury, but there's nothing to stop you sprinkling them with sugar.

This recipe is based on one from The Woks of Life. You can find the original recipe and a video of how to twirl the you tiao below.

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
1 egg
pinch of salt
1½ teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon milk
2 tablespoons softened butter
1/3 cup water
oil (for frying)

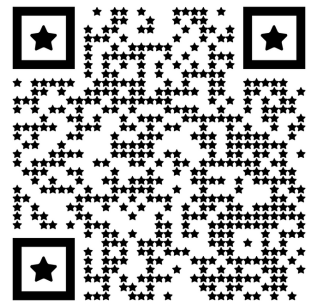
You Tiao recipe with
photos and video!



The Frozen Landscape of Alaska

Glaciers and the frozen desert

Alaska is the northernmost state in the USA. Many Indigenous tribes and communities lived in there, and continue to live there now. Some of these people are from Inupiat, Yup'ik, Aleut, Koyukon, and Tlingit communities, although this is only a small list Indigenous tribes and groups.

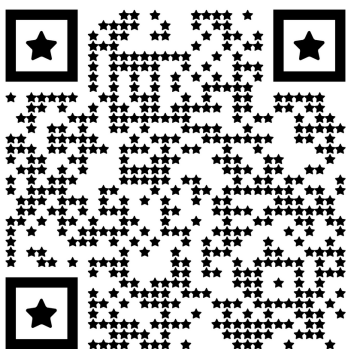


Listen to the sounds of many Alaskan languages

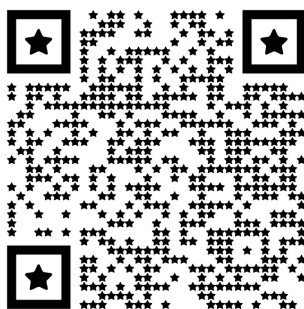


What we think of as Alaska was territory that spread across the boundaries of many countries.

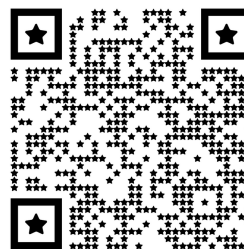
Nat Geo Kids on Glaciers



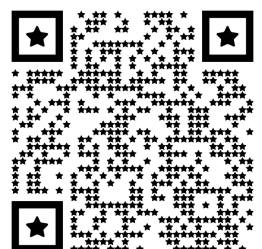
Sci Show Kids on Glaciers



Taiga



Tundra



Alaska has two different biomes:

Tundra and Taiga



Writing and Art Prompts

These prompts can be used in a number of ways.

Some learners will want to write responses; others will prefer to draw, paint, or create in another medium. Making a videotaped interview or recorded discussion would also be fun.

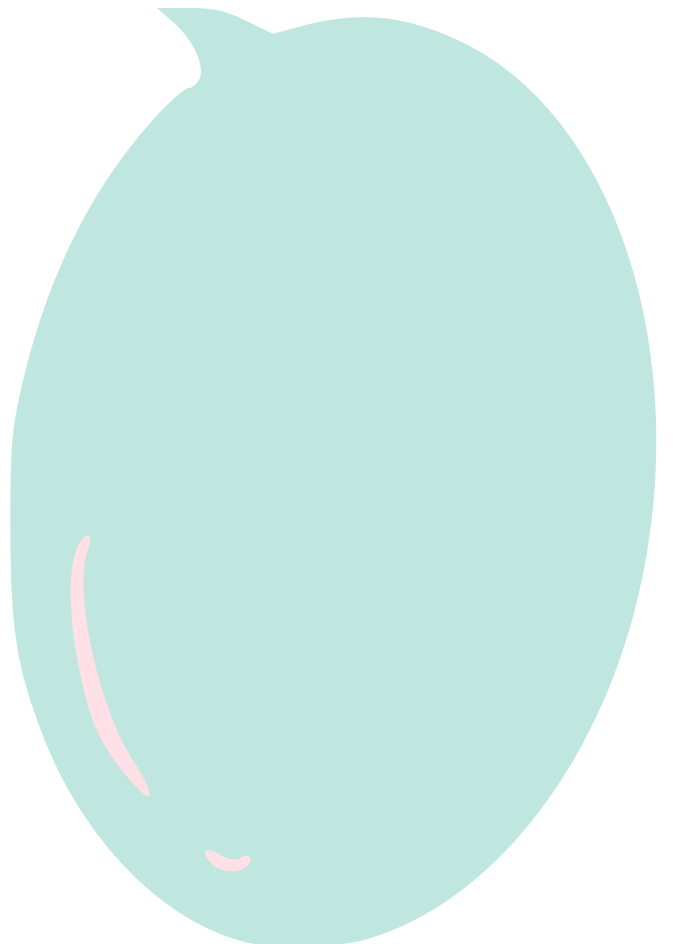
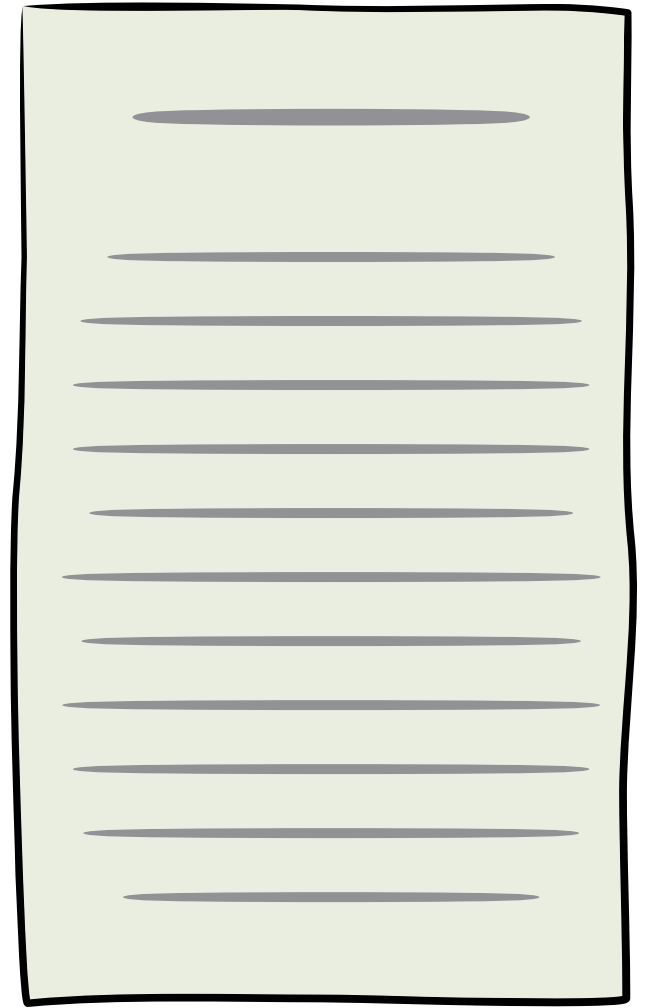
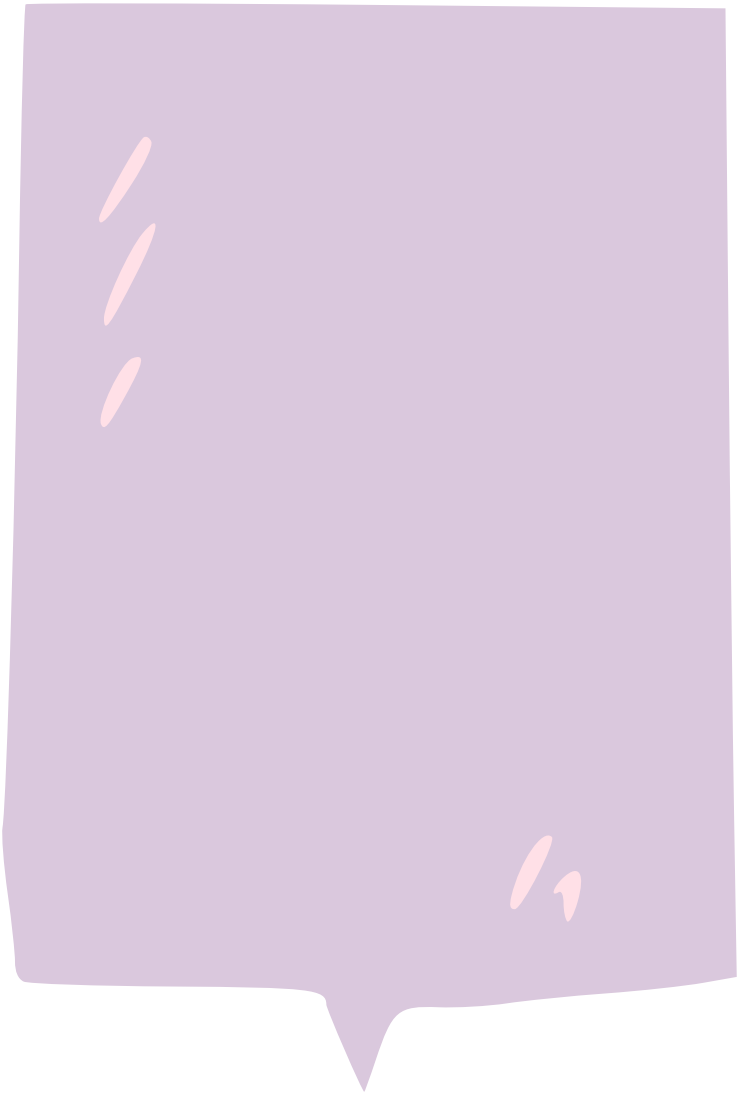
The intent with these prompts is to encourage reflection and a creative response.

Are words gentler than numbers? What does Julia mean when she says that? Do you prefer numbers or letters, or do you like both equally? Why?

If you could rename the road you live on, what would you call it?

Julia uses the word "mad" to mean outrageous, and her mother flinches. Why do you think this happened? Make a case for or against using words like mad or crazy. Could they hurt someone's feelings, or are they fine to use?

Are you more likely to seize the day, or lie back and let the day come to you?



This raven is black as dirt

after a fire.

**This raven is black as dirt after
a fire, just like all the rest, but
she has a bare patch on her
chest picked clean of feathers.**

Curiosity Splash: The Islamic Golden Age

