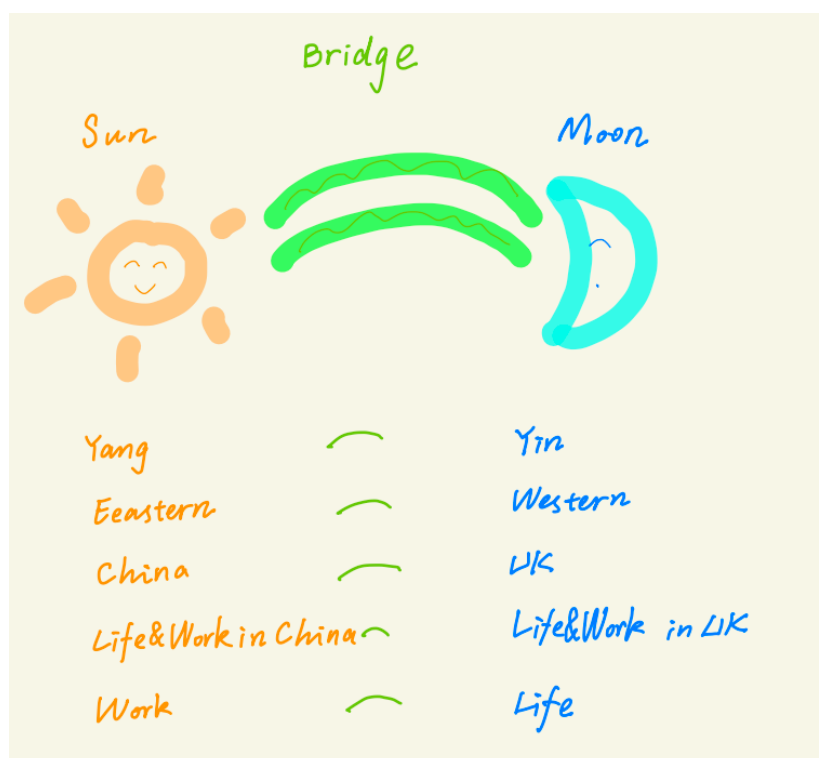


What Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Means to Me

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To me, **Second Language Acquisition (SLA)** is a **bridge connecting two different worlds**, represented by the **sun** and the **moon** in my drawing.

The **sun** symbolizes my past experiences, my roots, and my first language, while the **moon** represents my journey into a new linguistic and cultural world.

The **bridge** in the middle represents SLA, which allows me to transition between these two worlds, integrating different aspects of my identity.

Table Representation of My Drawing

Sun	Moon	Bridge (SLA)
Yang (active, bright, dominant)	Yin (introspective, adaptable, receptive)	Balance of Yin & Yang
Eastern culture	Western culture	Cultural Integration
China (my home country)	The UK (my new home)	Navigating between two homes
Life & Work in China	Life & Work in the UK	Bridging different work and life experiences
Work (goal-driven, structured)	Life (learning, growth, balance)	Achieving professional and personal harmony

SLA is more than just learning a new language—it is about **building connections, expanding my worldview, and finding balance between different aspects of my identity**. Through this **bridge**, I can move between two worlds, enriching both my **personal** and **professional** life.