

Optimising
the school-based language curricula
to cater for diverse learning needs
and foster students'
whole-person development

Introduction: Experiences and reflections upon
optimisation of the school curriculum



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Dictionary definition of "optimise":
to make something as good as possible

Source: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/optimize>

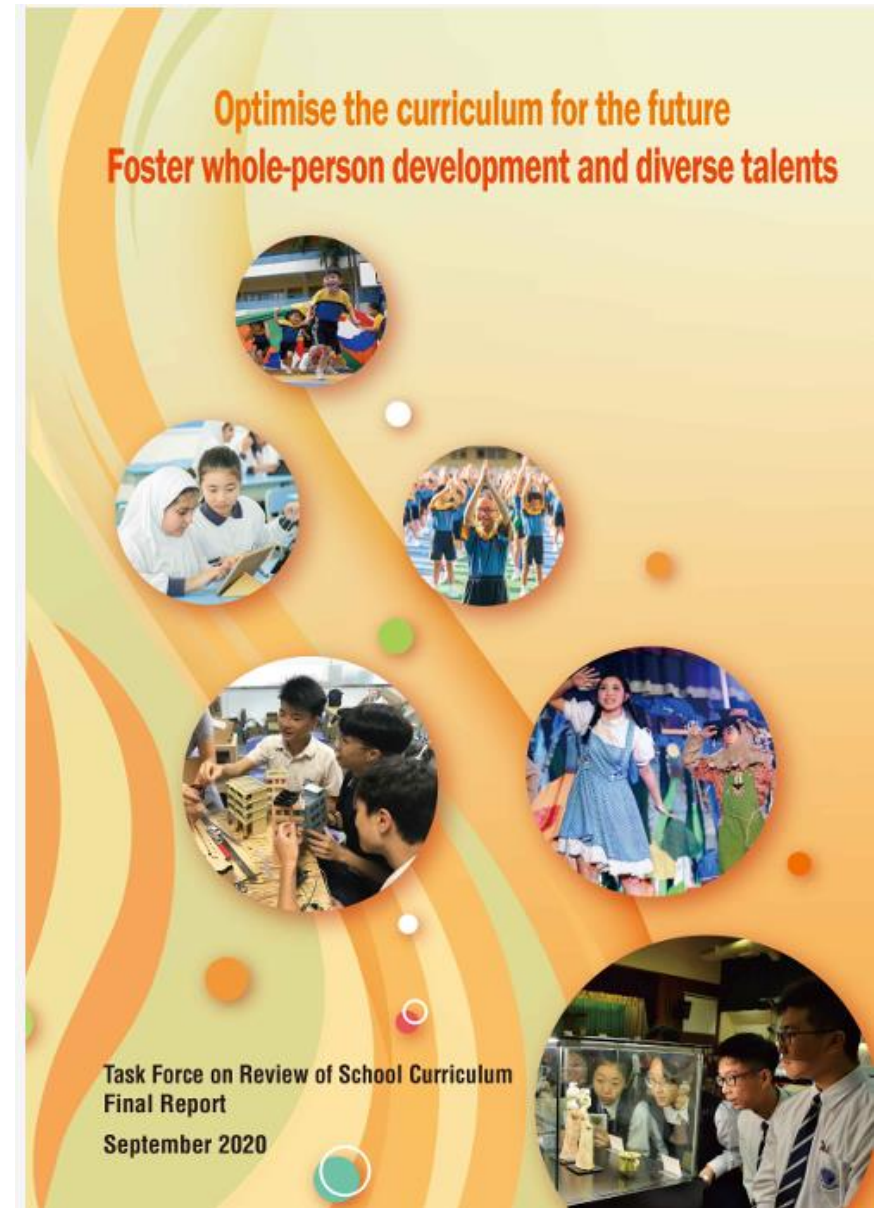
Rigorous

Forward-looking

Sensitive to learner diversity

Sufficient space and rich in opportunities for **whole-person development**

Smooth articulation between Key Stages





How should your students' language learning experience look like?

Nature of Language Learning



**Language
as a body of
knowledge**



**Language
as a tool**



**Language
as an object for
appreciation**



CURRICULUM

Optimisation is about holistic curriculum planning...



National and Global Identity

Breadth of Knowledge

Language Proficiency

Generic Skills

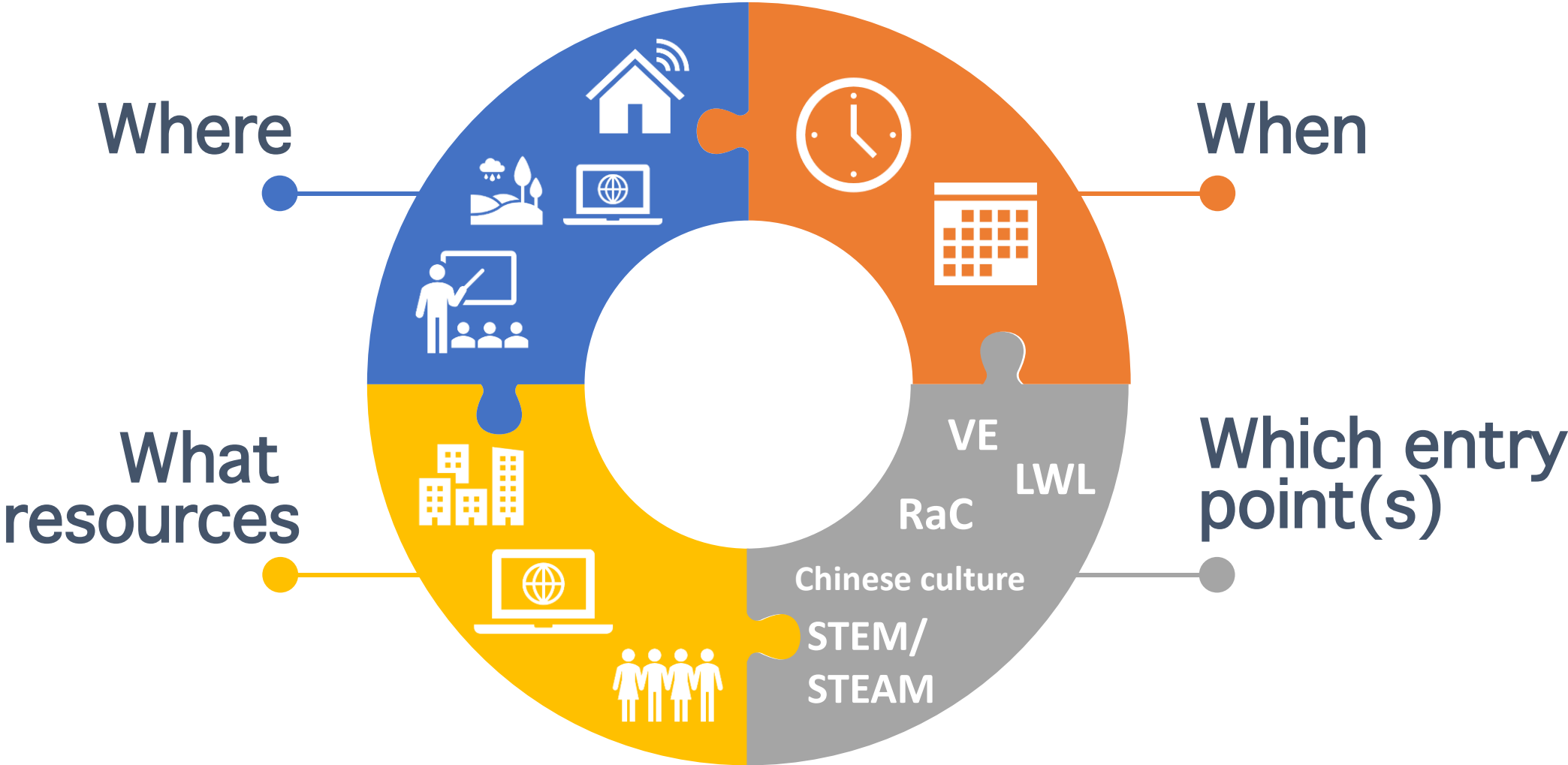
Information Literacy

Life Planning

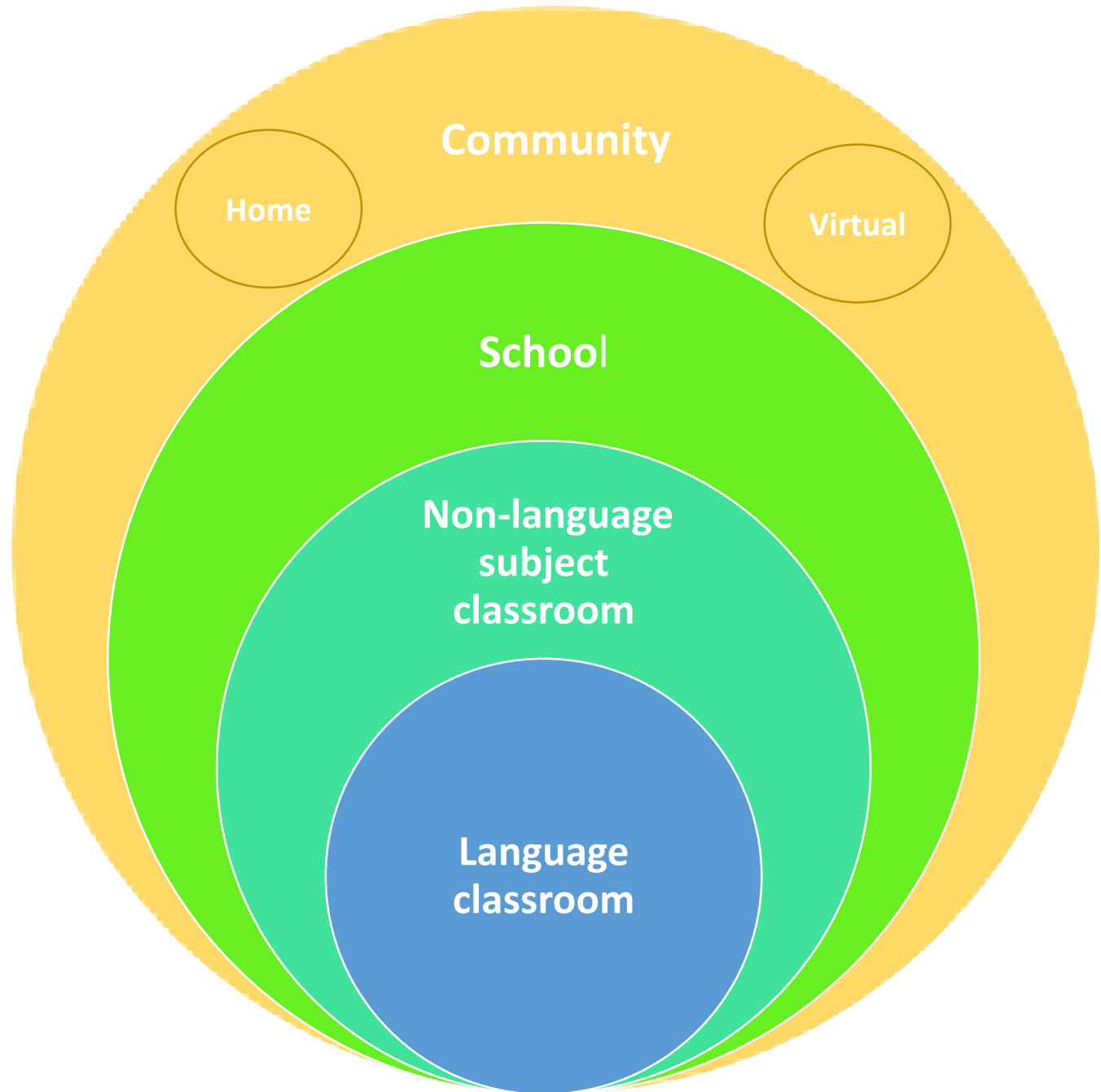
to create space and opportunities for students' whole-person development

Healthy Lifestyle

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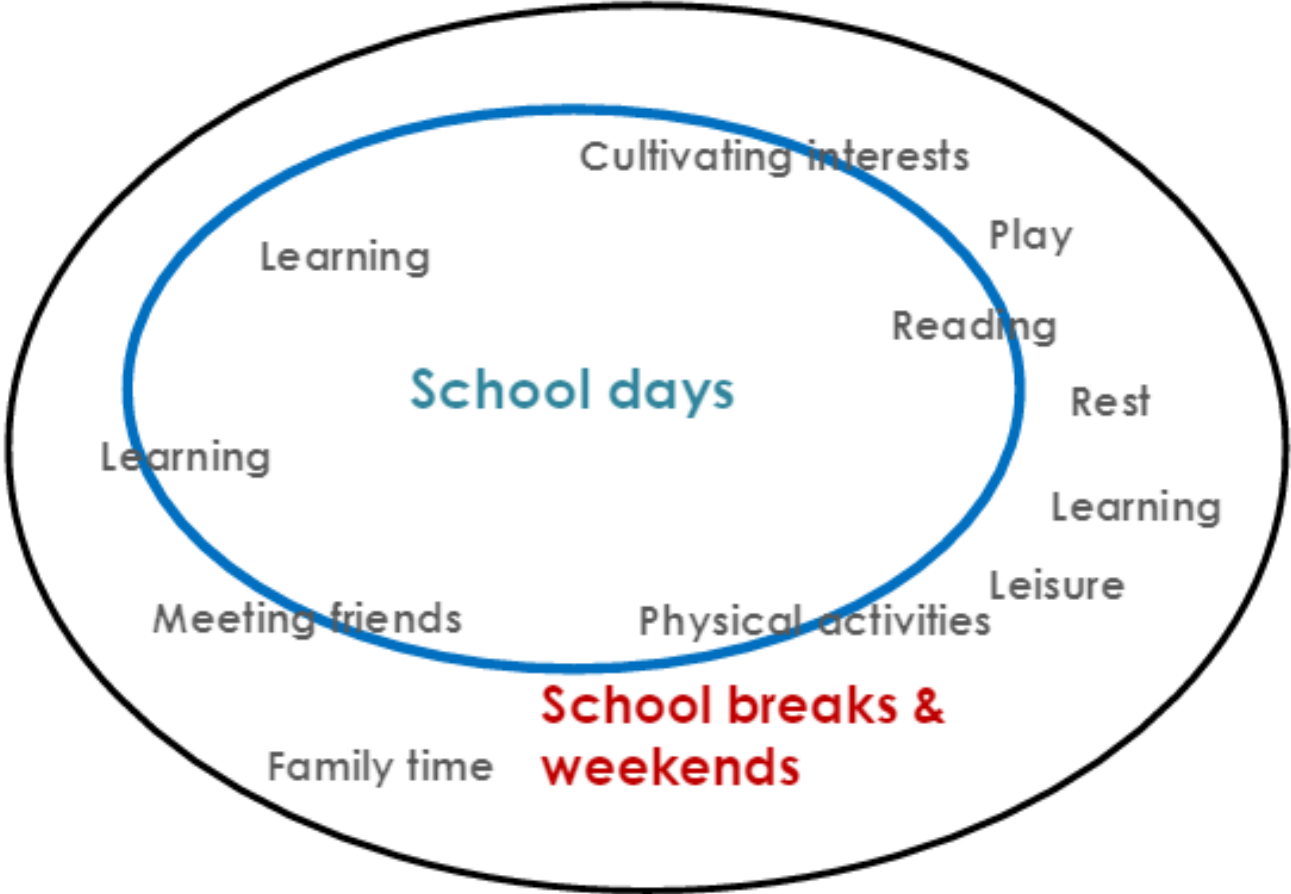


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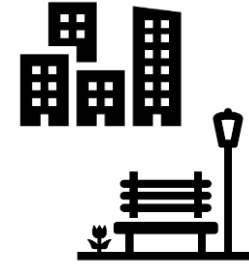
Lesson time vs Learning time

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Source: Task Force on Review of School Curriculum (2020).
Optimise the Curriculum for the Future, Foster Whole Person
Development and Diverse Talents, p.15.

**What
resources
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to facilitate
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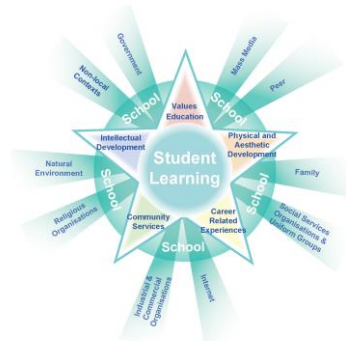
What entry points can be used to facilitate language learning?



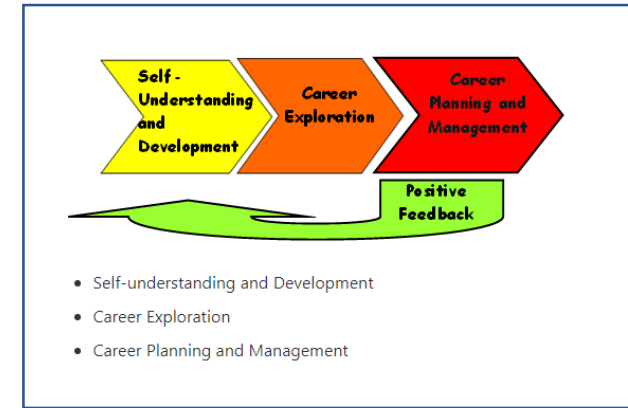
Values education



STEAM education



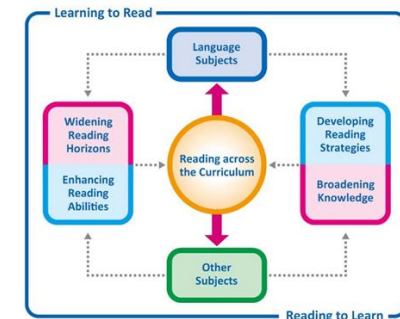
Life-wide learning



Life planning education



Chinese culture



Reading across the Curriculum

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6 cases across 3 presentations

Case 1

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優化學校語文課程，照顧多元需要，促進學生的全人發展

英雄穿越時空謀出路

融合生涯規劃和價值觀教育的語文課程

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認識·欣賞·探究 —— 以中、英文多元文本加強語文和中華文化學習
Reinforcing learning of languages and Chinese Culture through multiple texts:
Understanding, appreciation and exploration

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Cases 2-3

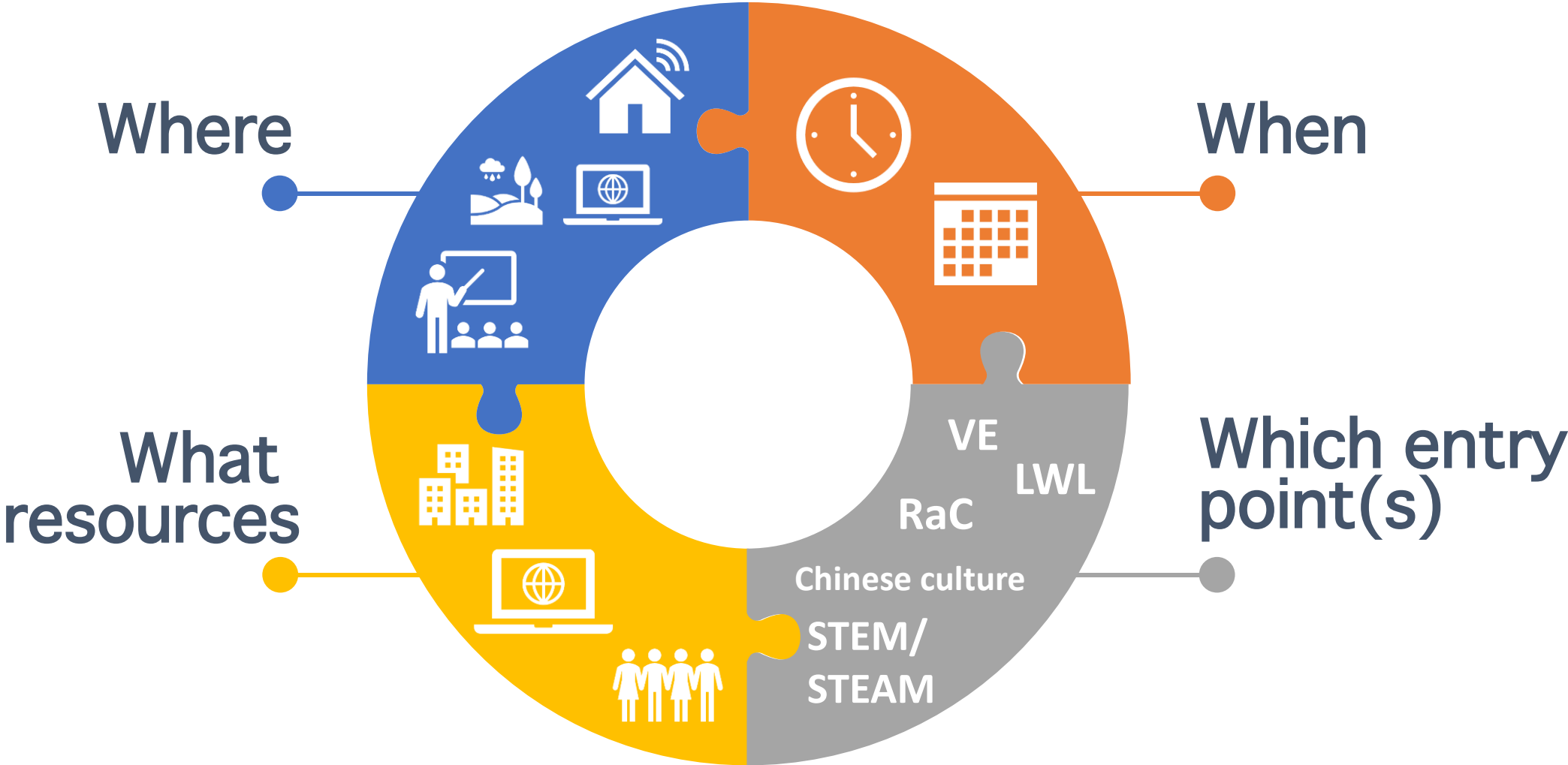
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考察·發現·感悟 ——
中國語文和英國語文科的漫遊學習

Exploratory journeys in
Chinese and English language learning:
To explore, discover and appreciate

Cases 4-6

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The background features a series of diagonal stripes in shades of teal, green, and brown. Overlaid on these stripes are numerous upward-pointing arrows of varying sizes and opacities, creating a sense of growth and progress. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

With or Without
Optimisation...

The metaphor of Chinese medicine cabinet



Like a Chinese medicine practitioner, a language teacher will turn to the little drawers of their cabinet of resources after “diagnosing” their students’ needs, and then design, create, concoct and enrich students’ learning experiences through mixing suitable content and resources.

A man in a light blue shirt is seen from the back, wearing glasses and a headset microphone, addressing a large, blurred audience in a dimly lit room. The scene is illuminated with a cool blue light.

Enjoy the presentations

Be inspired

Have lots of takeaways