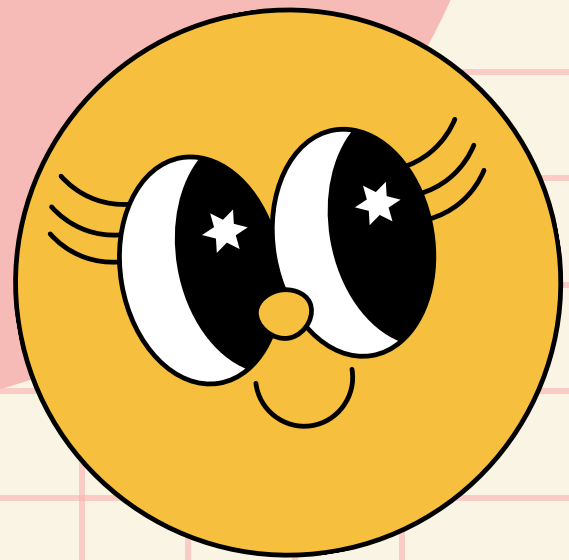# LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

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Lesson 2

OBJECTIVE ONE

Students will learn how to **identify** a language function and **explain** why it is important.
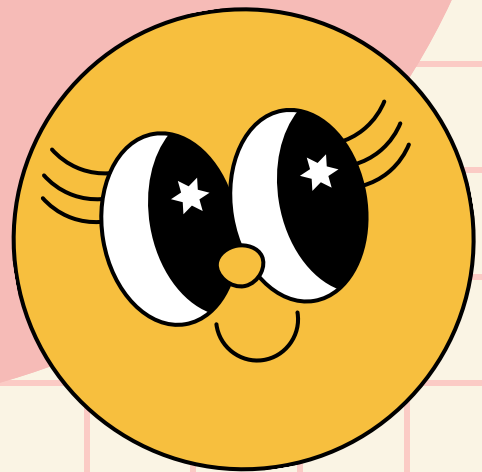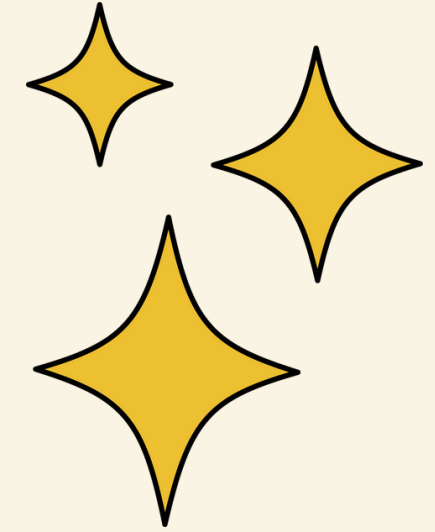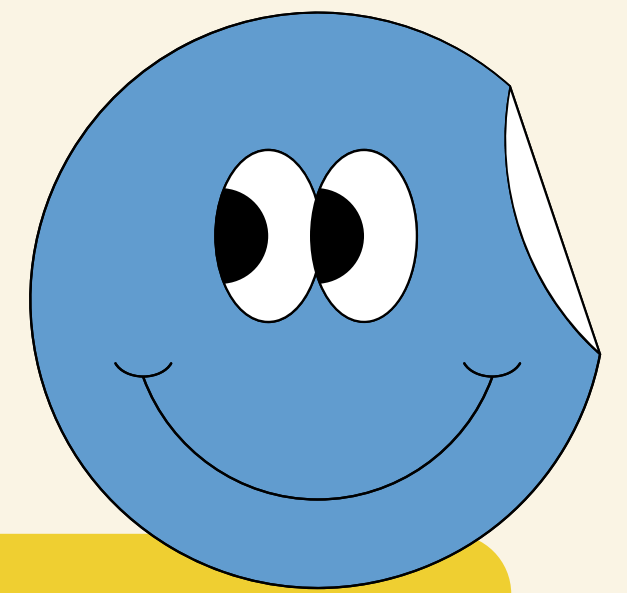
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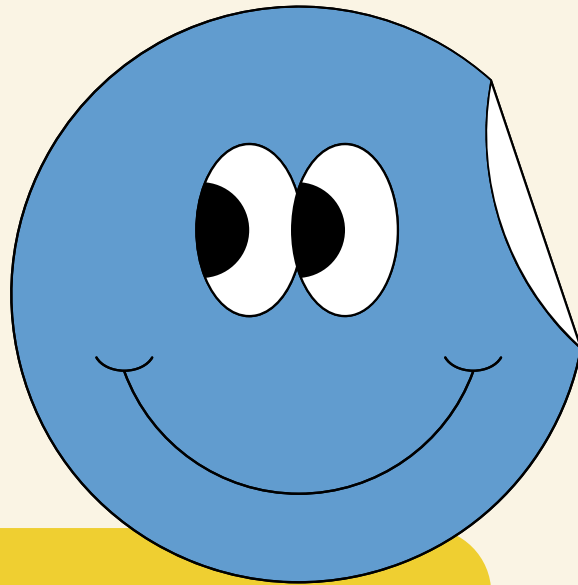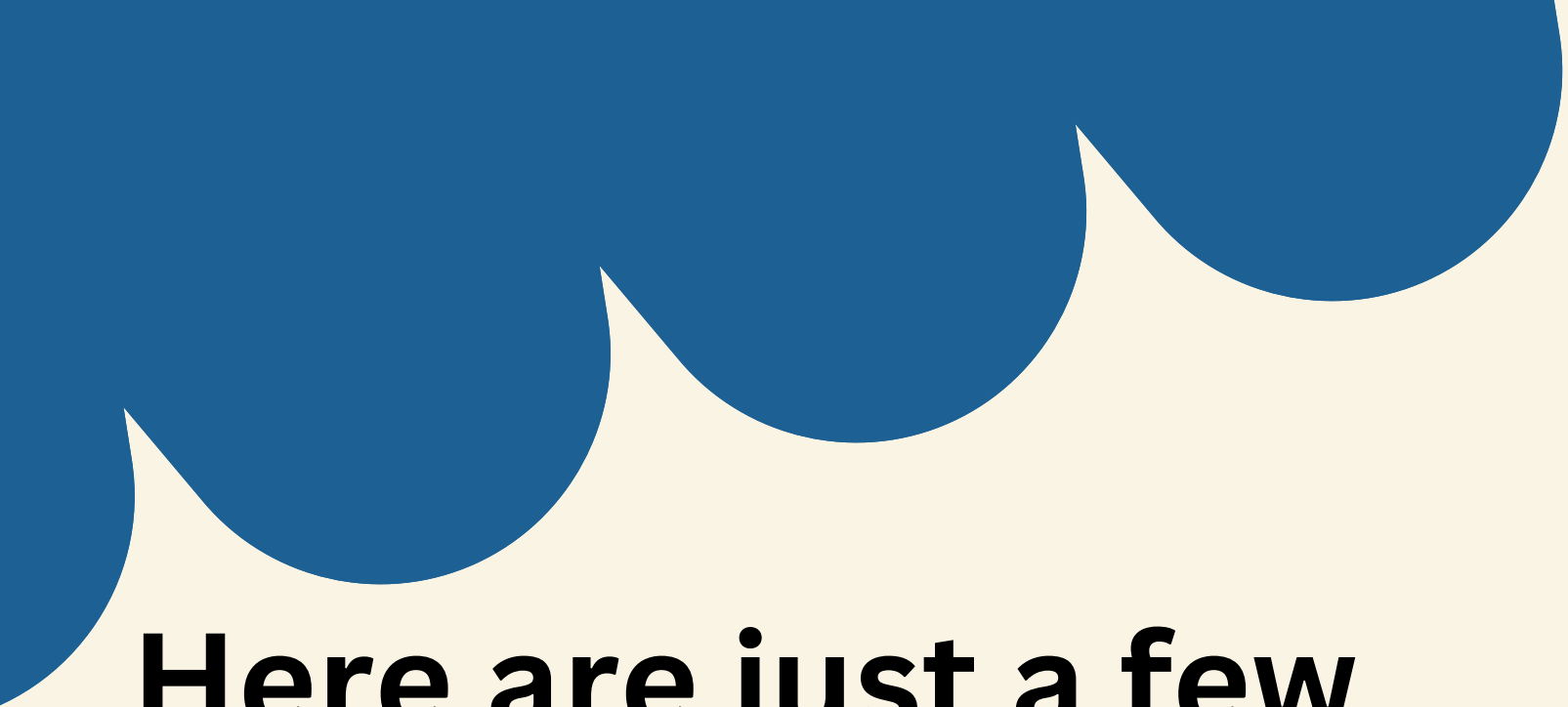
IDENTIFYING A LANGUAGE FUNCTION

Identifying language functions is important because it helps us to understand the meaning and context of a message, allows us to respond appropriately, and helps us to avoid misunderstandings. For students, it helps them determine what to look for and how to answer a question.
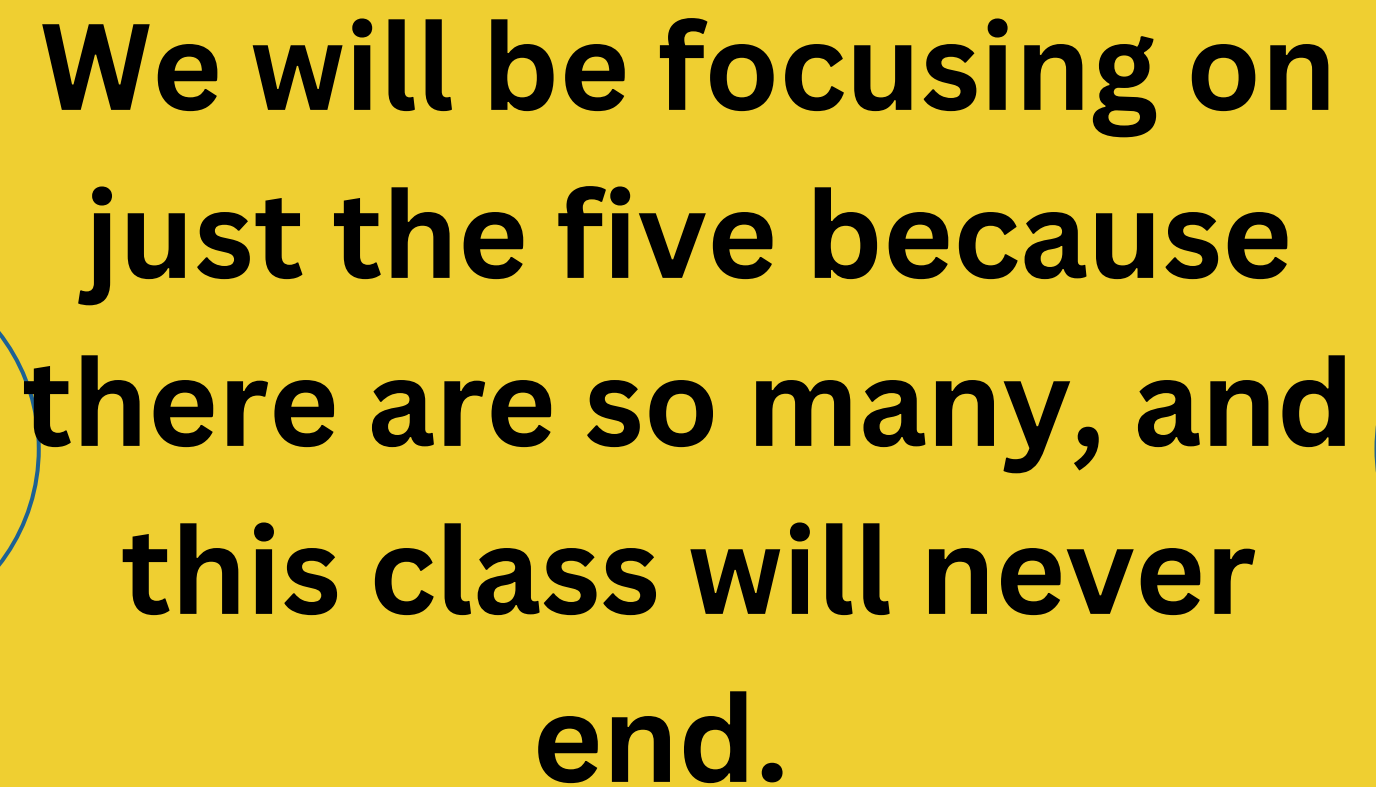
**Cause and Effect
Compare and Contrast
Description and Elaboration
Sequence
Argument and Support**

For the purposes of this course, we will focus on five language functions.

Here are just a few others: inform, seek information, order, classify, analyze, infer (very difficult for language learners), and evaluate.
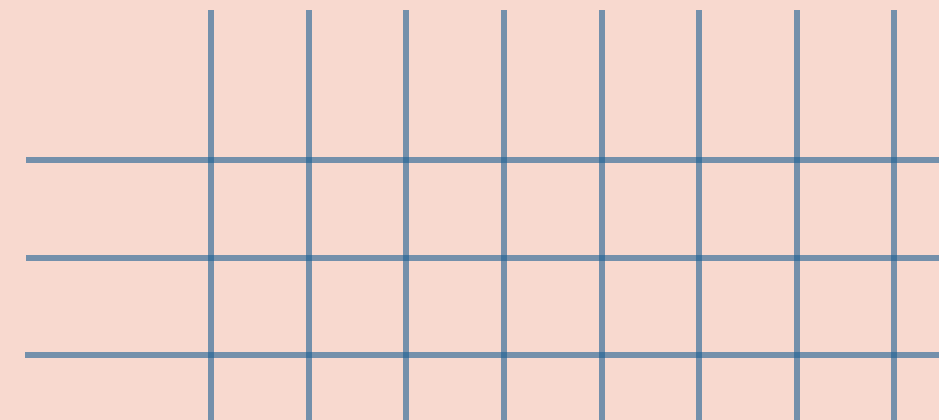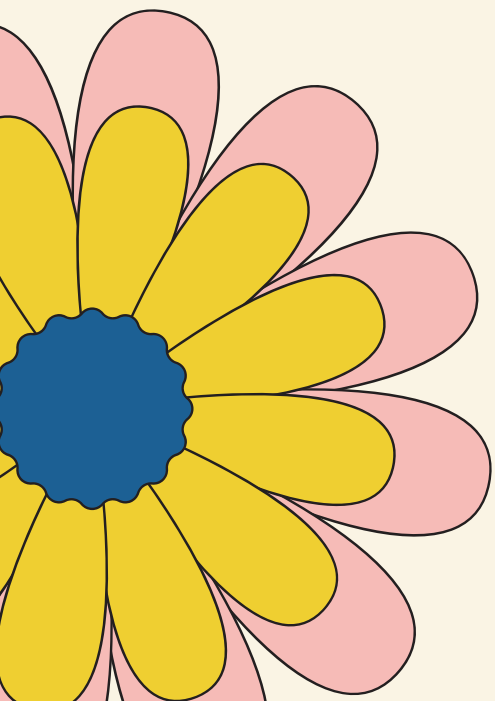
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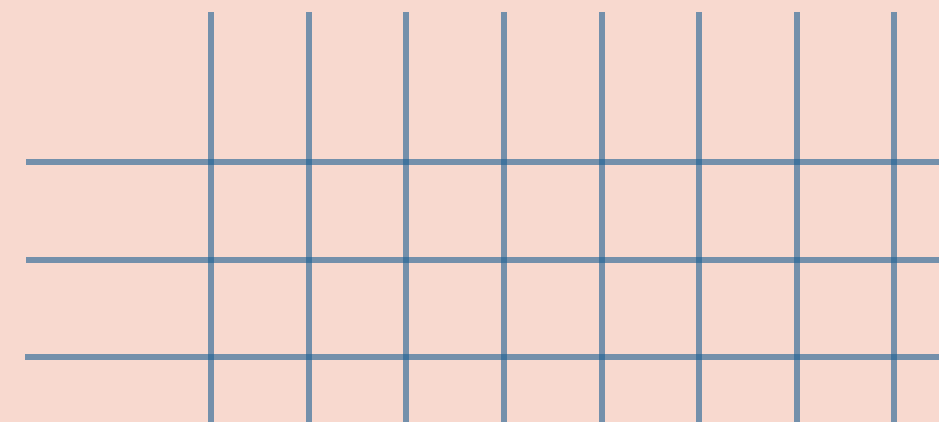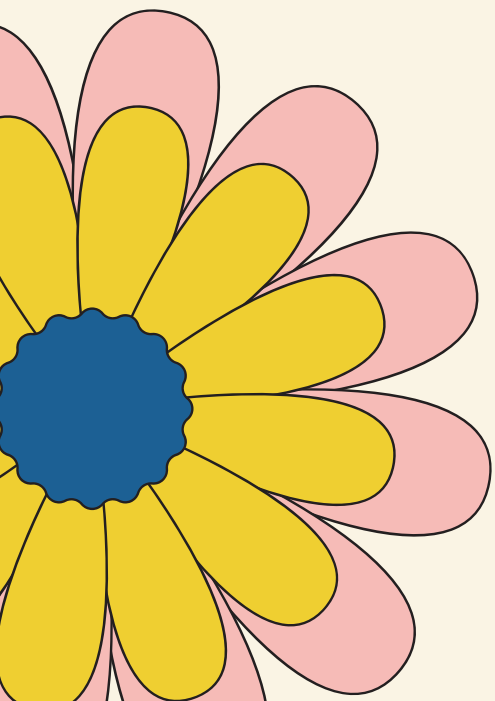
WHAT ARE FUNCTIONS

Functions are what we do with the language. For the students, it is the purpose of the language. For example, they may write out a sequence of events for history, argue and support their math answers, or compare two different scientific hypotheses.

THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Functions play an important role in developing students' language proficiency in all content areas as they help students communicate effectively in a variety of situations.
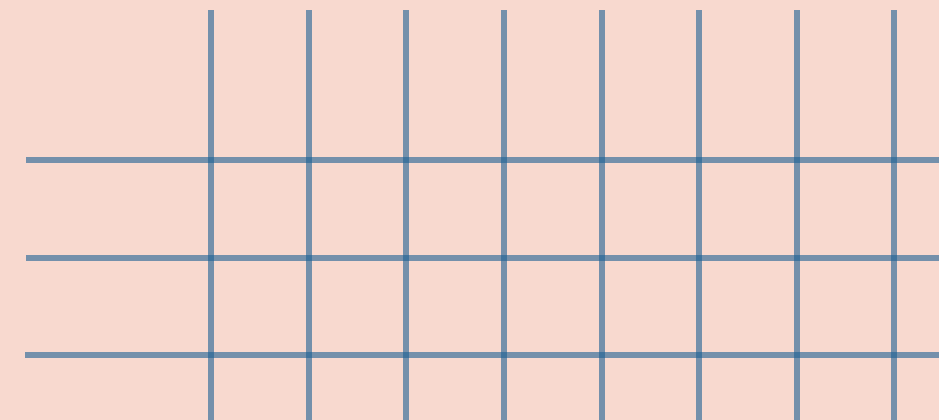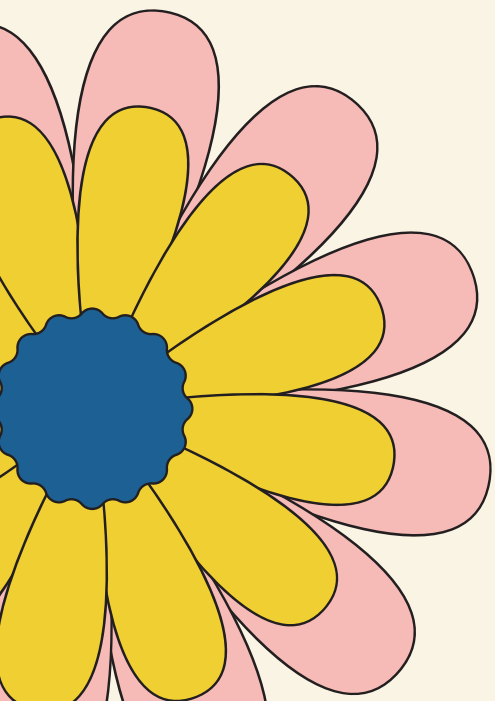
THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Functions promote active use of language by encouraging students to use language thoughtfully to express their ideas, opinions, and thoughts. Using functions, students can convey their meaning and communicate their message effectively aiding in the learning of the content.
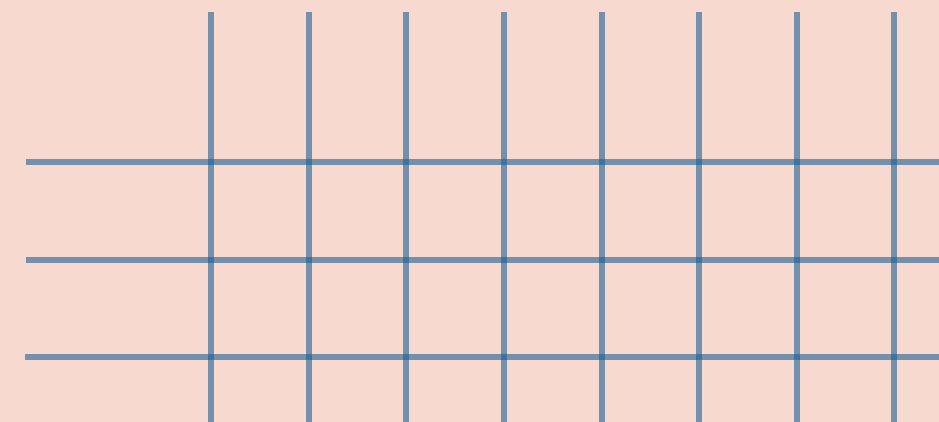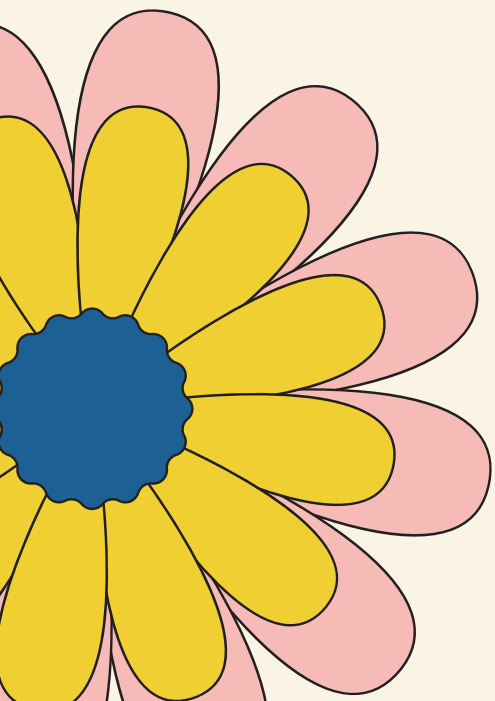
THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Language functions aid students in developing higher-order thinking skills enabling them to think critically, logically, and creatively. Knowledge of the function allows students to use the language more complexly.
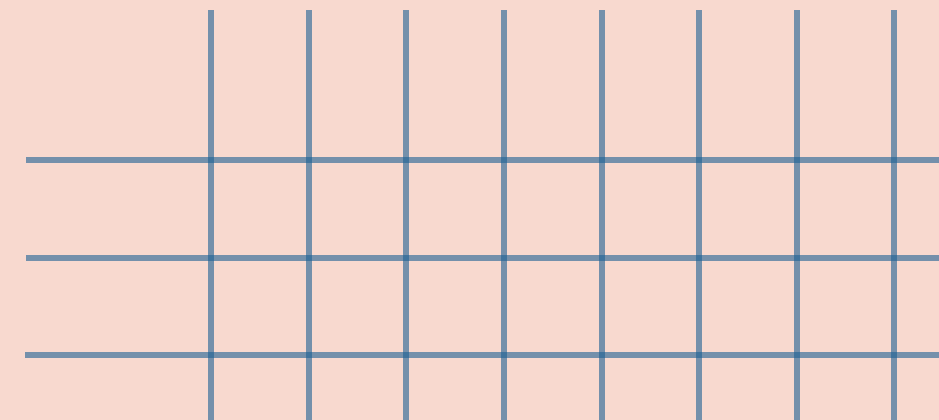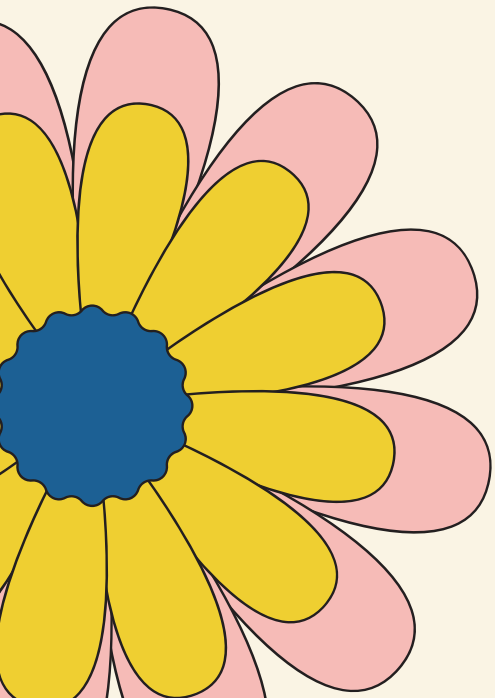
THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Language functions introduce students to new vocabulary words and help them learn how to use them in context.
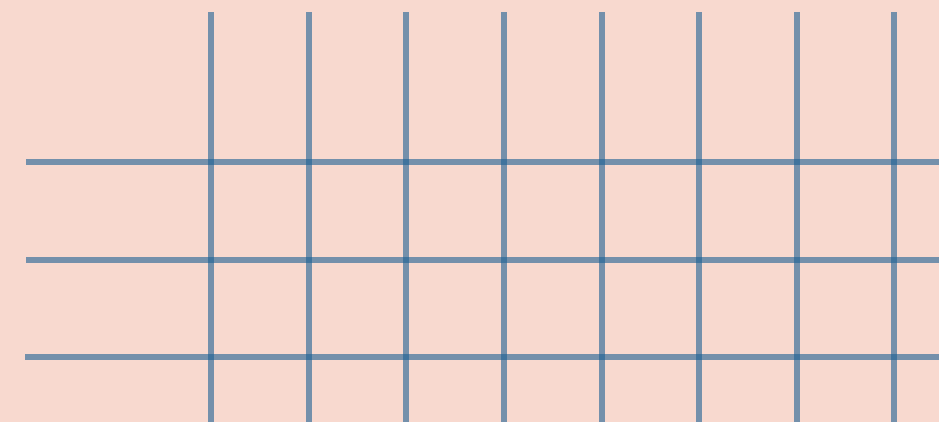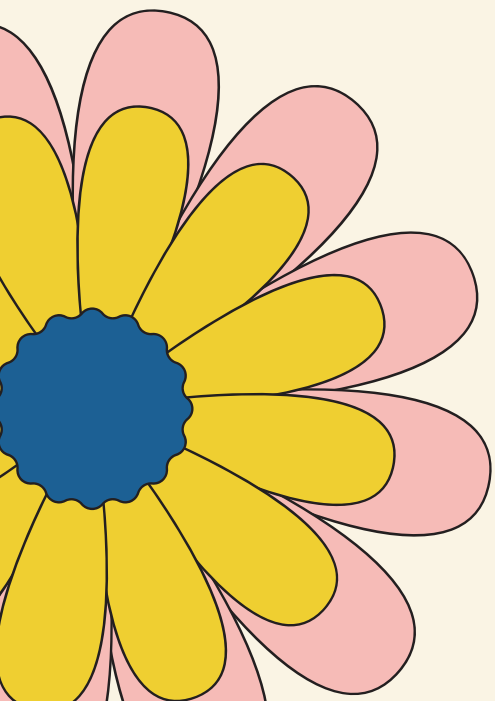
THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Using language functions in their writing and speaking, students learn to organize their thoughts, present their ideas clearly, and support their arguments with evidence.
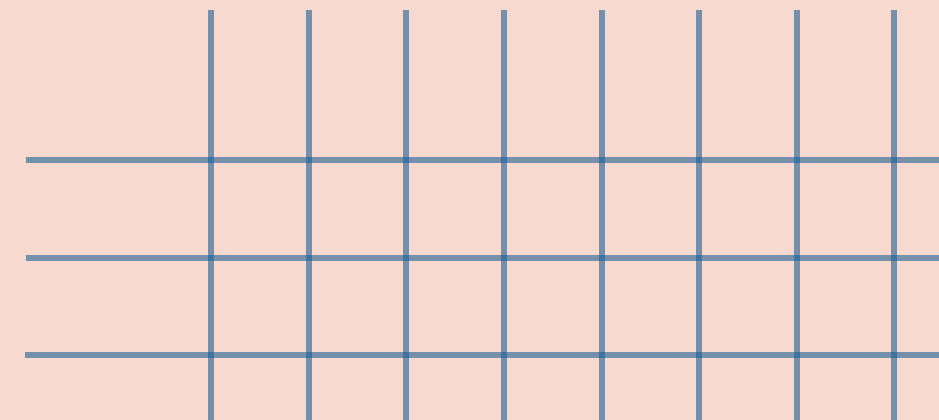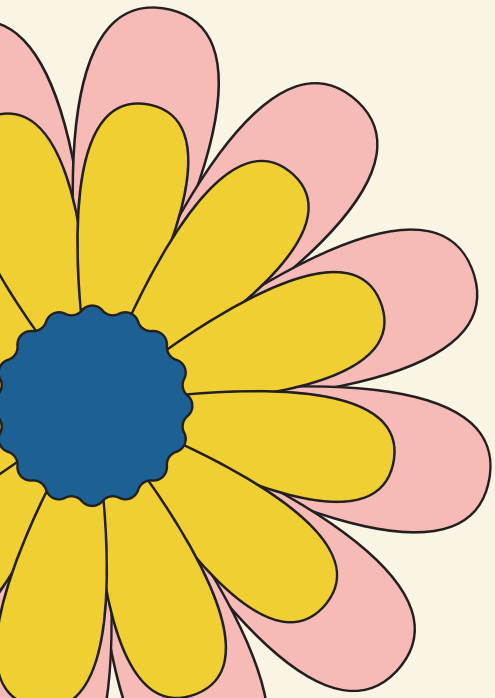
THE ROLE FUNCTIONS PLAY

Language functions are crucial for academic achievement as they help students to understand and analyze texts, participate in discussions, and write essays and research papers.
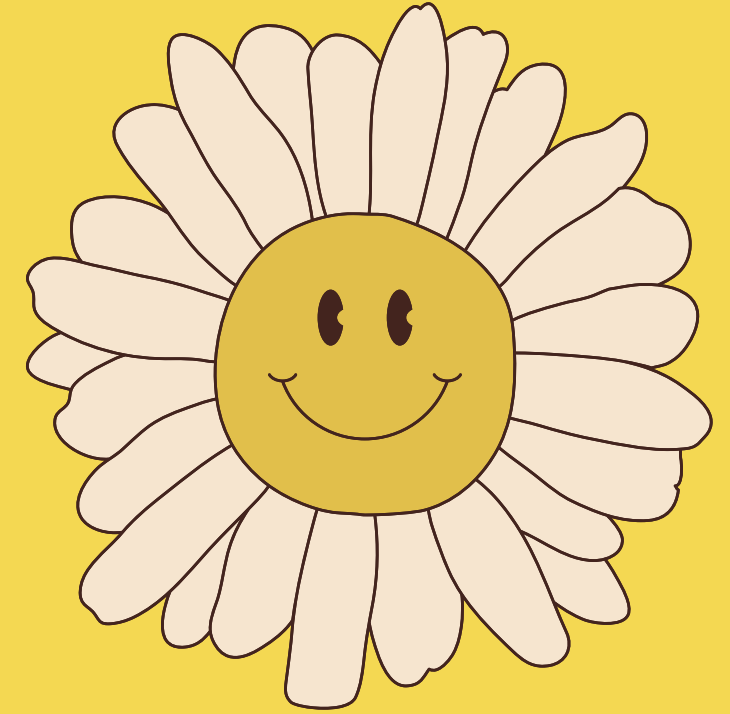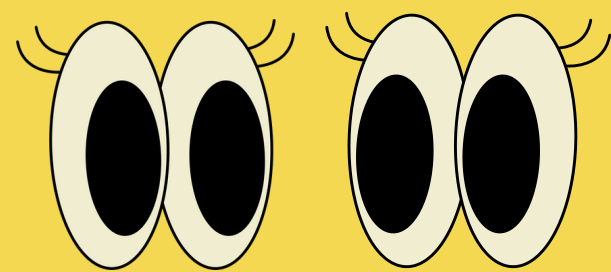
LANGUAGE FUNCTION READING

Please read the Language Function PDF

ASSIGNMENT

How aware were you of language functions? Was anything a surprise or an 'aha' moment? Please write at least one paragraph and no more than three paragraphs.

THANK YOU

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