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Quentin Roosevelt's China

# PICTOGRAPHS




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Sample sentences

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When Quentin Roosevelt explored China he was careful to record as much information about Naxi culture as possible, including their written languages. One such language was the pictographic, or illustrative, Dongba script. Used mainly by Dongba priests, there is no universal way of writing this pictographic text, which is mainly used as prompt for recitations during religious ceremonies.

*Use the images provided to form your own sentences using Dongba script.*

# ARCHITECTURE



house



tent



castle



tower



village

# ACTION



surround



see/look



weep



hear



go



divide



speak/talk



bite



fast



pinch



slow

# CLIMATE



sky



light



night



rain



cloud

# GEOGRAPHY



land



mountain



stone



lake

# ANIMALS



wild animal



dragon



cat



rabbit



yak



pig



dog



unicorn



fox

# RELIGION



dongba



dongba reciting  
a sutra



the founder of  
dongba



demon



the great god  
(who created the  
heaven)

# BODY



eyes



nose



head



body



neck



beautiful



mouth



leg