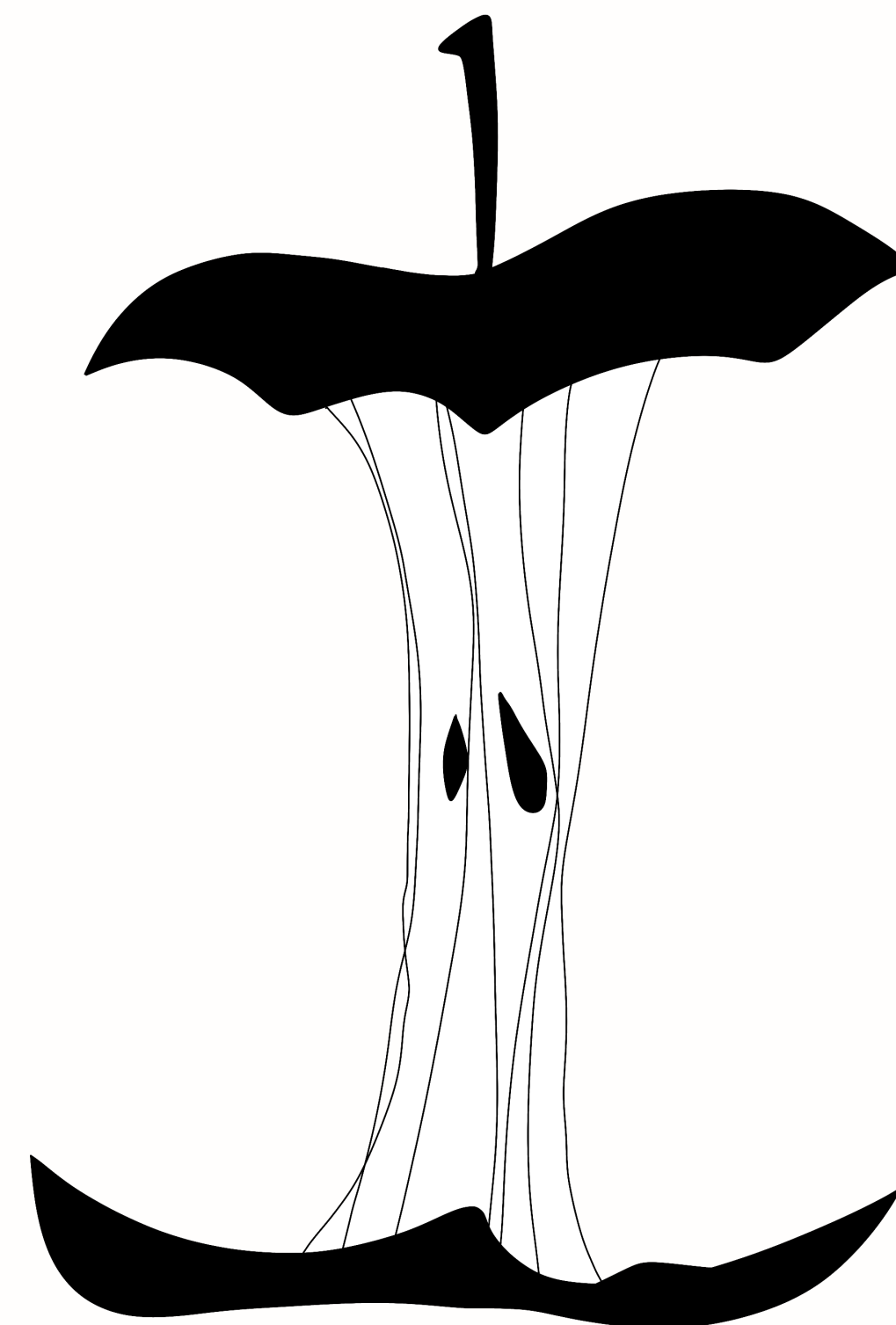
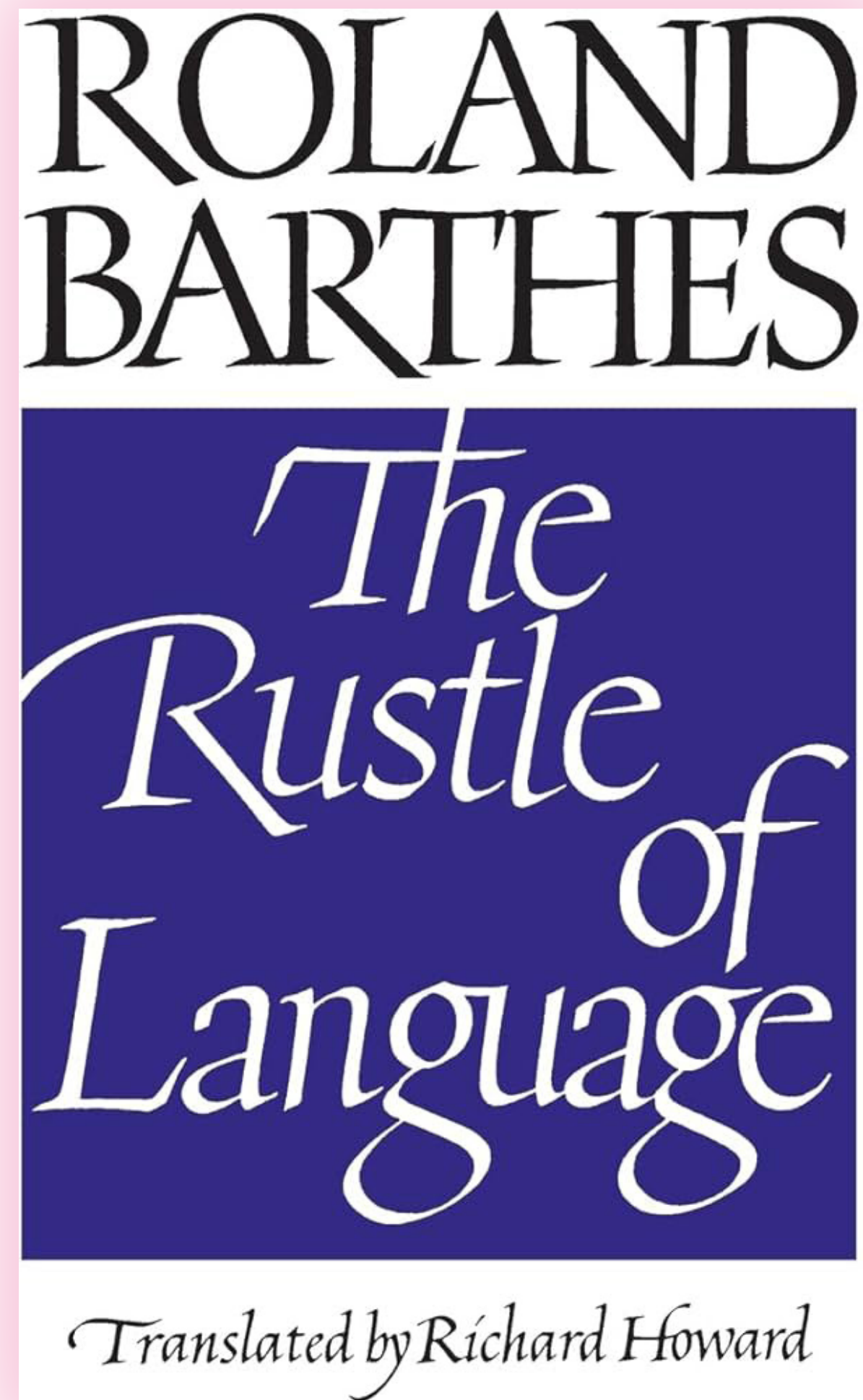


Symposium

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⋮ Inspirational Reference

Roland Barthes - The Rustle of Language

The word "rustle" is a word that Barthes chose on purpose. It sits between "silence" and "sound."

It is not the clear sound of language, and not total silence either. It is a soft, unclear, and continuous sound without a fixed direction.

My snippet

Door

"Door" is a word, a piece of language that can be included in what Barthes refers to as language.



Door

It is a word with a clear and specific meaning.

Dictionary

Definitions from [Oxford Languages](#) · [Learn more](#)



door

/dɔːr/

noun

a hinged, sliding, or revolving barrier at the entrance to a building, room, or vehicle, or in the framework of a cupboard.

"she looked for her key and opened the door"

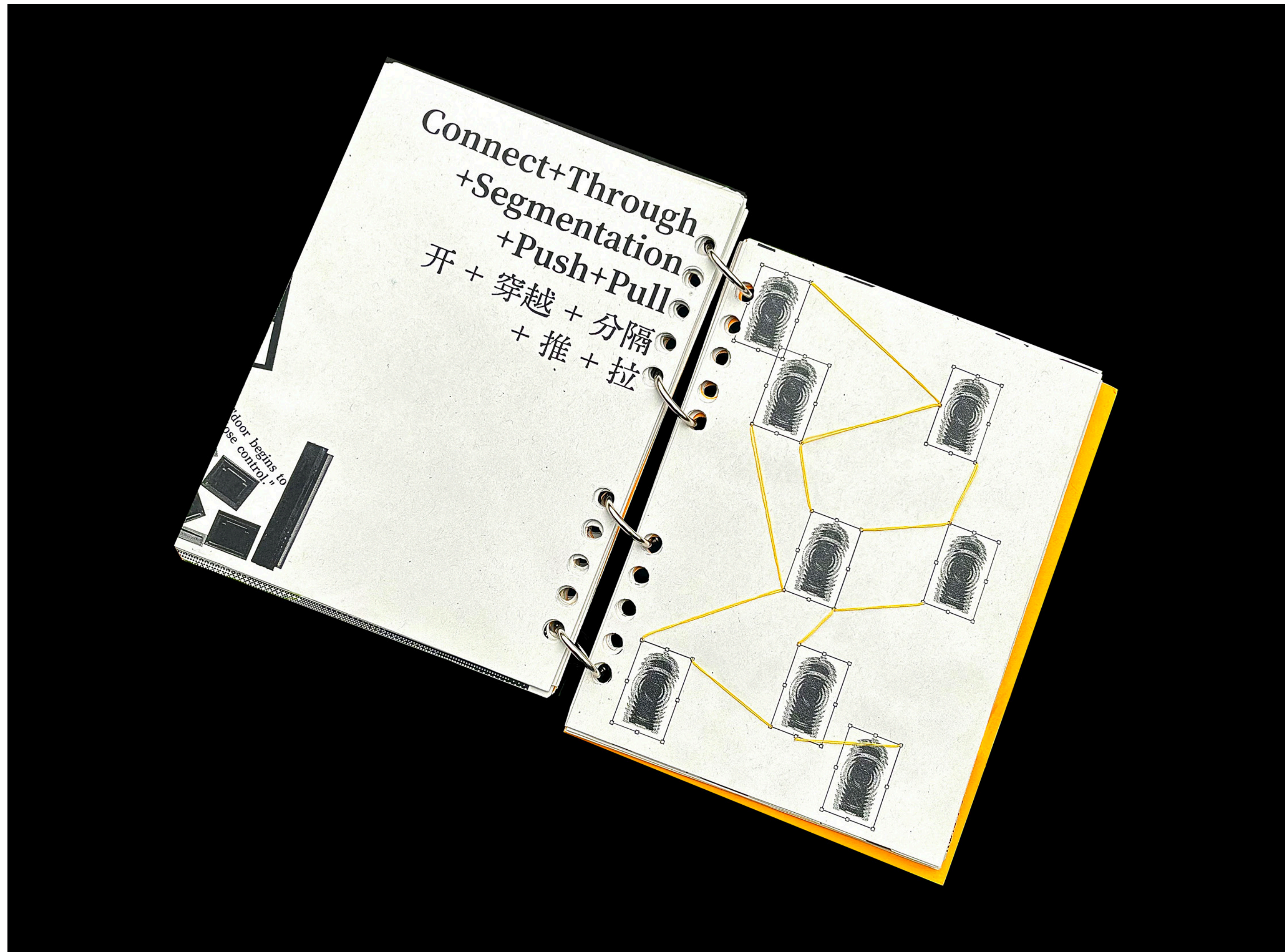
My key question

Is the meaning of language **innate**?

Can it **lose** its meaning and then be **reborn** with new meaning?

My Unit 2 research focuses on the relationship between language and meaning.

My project begins by exploring how a word can be defined, deconstructed, and redefined.



Within Definition - Yike Liu

Project experiment 1 <Define meaning>

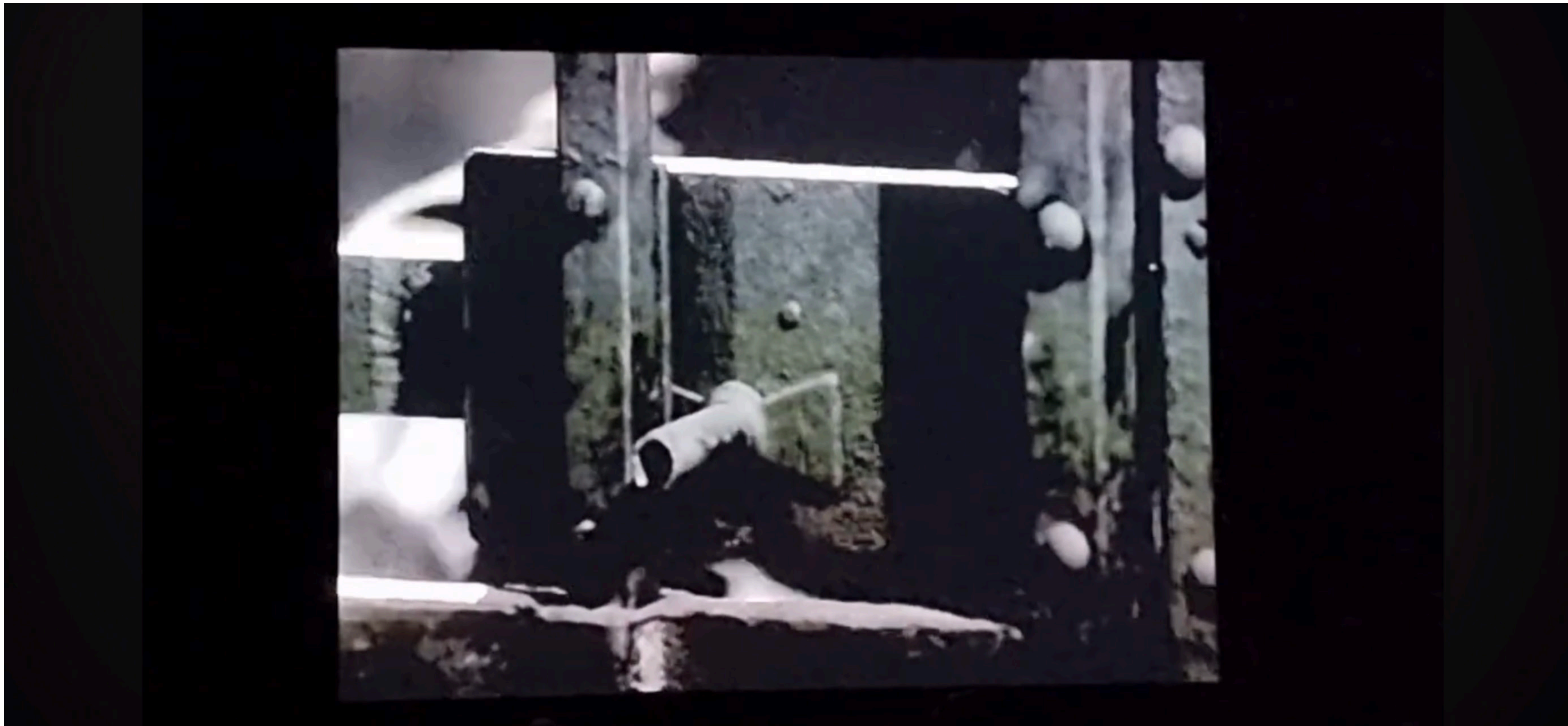
Define meaning - Within Definition

Through this idea, I found that the definition of “door” has a blurred boundary. Too few or too many words both fail to define what a door is.

Language is not a stable system,
it is a structure that both generates
and destroys meaning.

Project experiment 2 <Lose meaning>

Lose meaning - Door



Doors - Christian Marclay <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Dn3DdRNYZDQ>

Refrence

Christian Marclay - Doors

The editing structure
of the door sequence.

Repetition can cause an
action or a gesture to lose
its original meaning.

... Lose meaning

<https://youtube.com/shorts/jFbJcebXCNo?feature=shared>



1 Building perception:

sound brings up what can be seen.



2 Language entering:

sound replaces action.



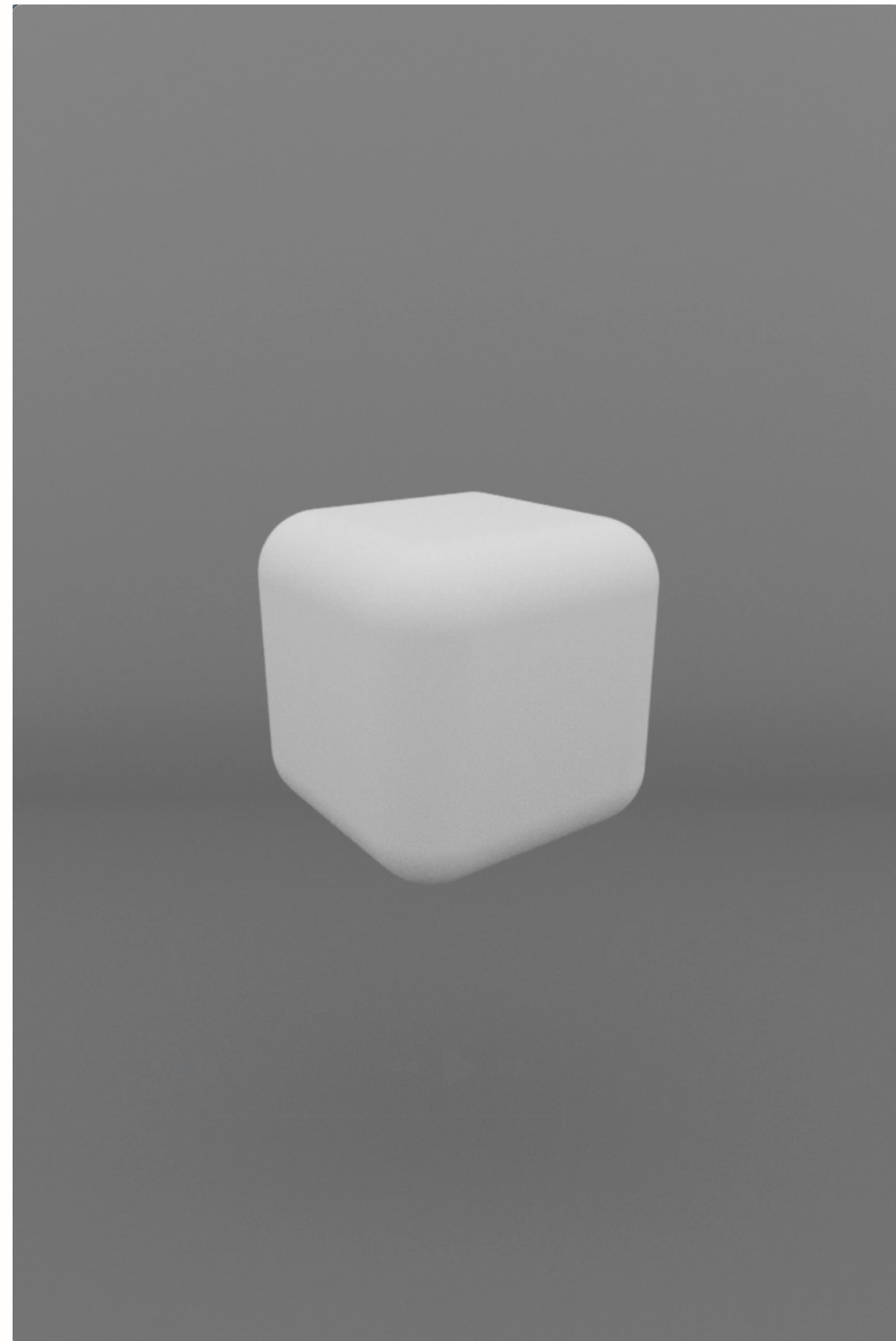
3 Structure shaking:

the door's outline disappears and comes back.



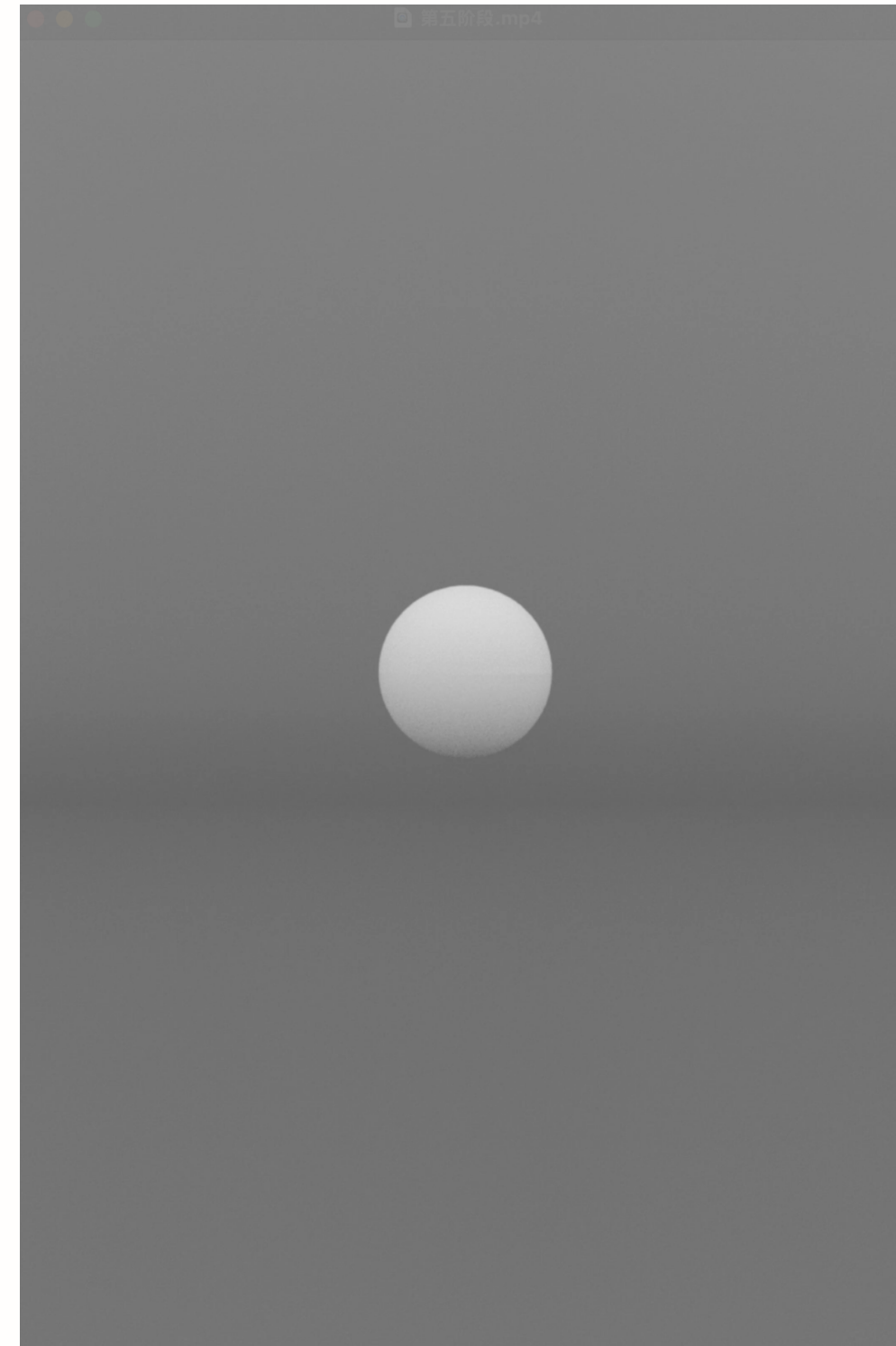
4 Meaning breaking down:

the door itself disappears.



5 Rebuilding and shifting:

meaning attaches to
random objects.



6 Ending:

objects disappears.



7 Symbol changing:

language becomes shapes
and nonsense.

When a word is repeated
again and again, it
gradually loses its original
meaning and becomes
something abstract.

Project experiment 3 <Regenerate meaning>

Regenerate meaning - New species discovery



New species discovery - Yike Liu

Regenerate meaning

As information keeps repeating, door and original meaning become detached, and door starts to link with the "cat", forming a new kind of living being.

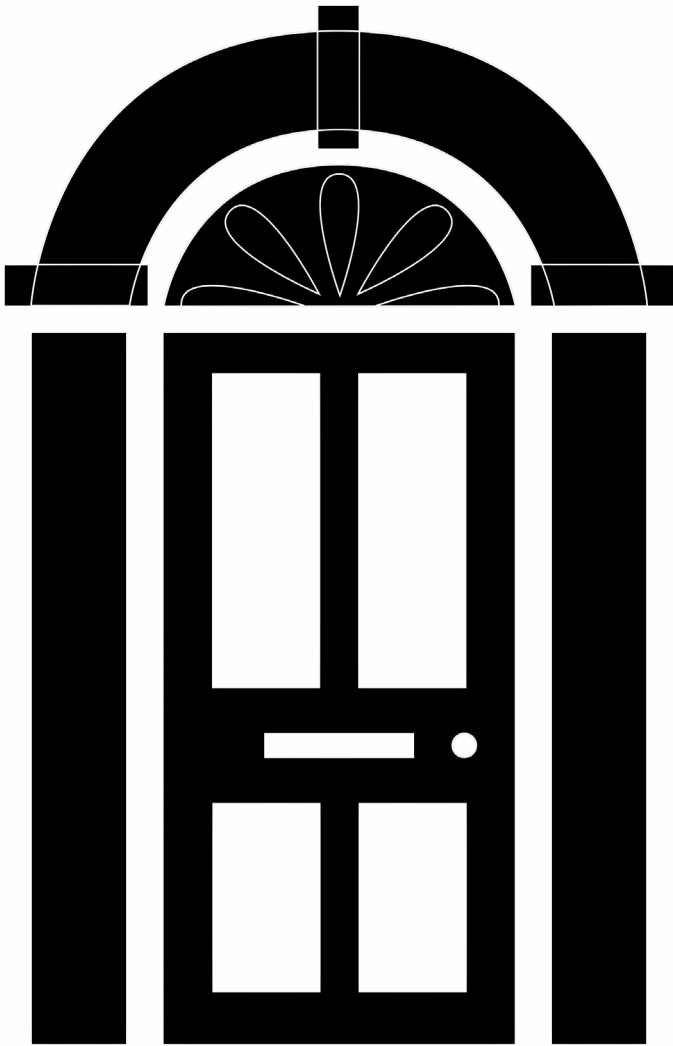
Language can lose its meaning through repetition, it can also gain new meaning through repetition.

Early research of Unit 2

The meaning of language is not innate but given by humans later.
It can be lost and reconstructed.



Studio Project
A Card



A is for Apple



A is for apple.	A is the grade on a quiz — I wish every test result could be an A.	A is the subway exit. The nearest one to my home is Exit A — I pass through it every day.	A is the apartment building — in the new housing complex, Building A is the most expensive.	A is my granddaughter's first word: “Ah—”.
— Quan 8	— Zilu 14	— Mengyuan 24	— Qian 44	— Shuyu 76
A is the pointed roof of a little house.	A is “abandon,” always the first word in the vocabulary book.	A is AI — I need AI to help me with many things. These days, everyone uses AI for work.	A is the “Section A” clause in an insurance contract.	A is “Āmítuófó” (Amitabha, a Buddhist prayer).
— Quan 8	— Zirui 16	— Yumo 24	— Lingling 47	— Xi 77
A is the open mouth making the sound “ah~”.	A is ànliàn (secret crush) everyone has had a crush, right?	A is the work team. In our company's marketing department, there are two teams, and we often compare our results with Team A.	A is the shape of the overpass I drive across on the way to work in the morning.	A is... “āi...” (a sigh).
— Miaomiao 8	— Yilan 16	— Yalun 24	— Jing 55	— Zhongrong 80
A is a slide you can climb up and slide down.	A is “Ah?” — that confused sound when you don't know or aren't sure.	A is “āyī” (auntie). Kids now call me auntie instead of sister — does that mean I'm getting old?	A is the clothes-drying rack — housework, everyday life.	A is “ānjìng” — peace and quiet, that is enough.
— Yudi 8	— Yizhuo 17	— Xuan 23	— Junyu 56	— Qingfa 81



A Card I - Yike Liu



⋮ A Card II - Reference

Book from the sky - Bing Xu



Book from the Sky - Bing Xu

Xu's Book from the Sky creates "fake Chinese characters," causing the meaning of language to collapse instantly, leaving only its visual form.

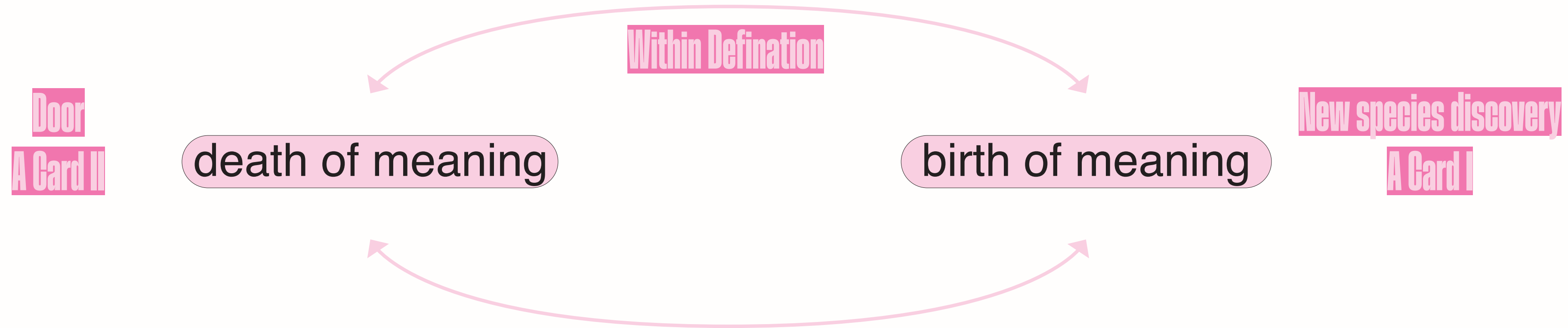
⋮ Without human experience or perception
text instantly loses its meaning.



A Card II - Yike Liu

Synthesis Unit 2

Through all the project, I realized that my entire Unit 2 is essentially an exploration of the “life cycle of language.”



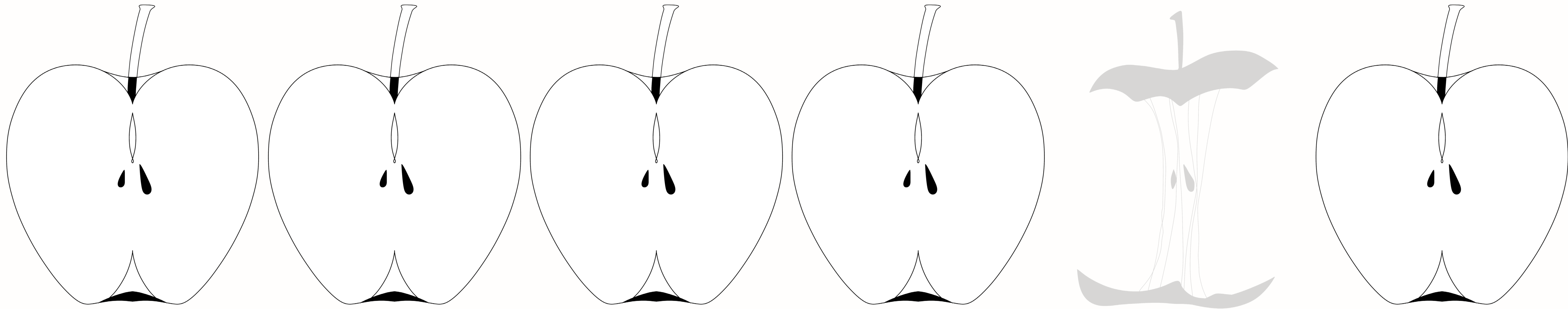
My position

language is alive, it grows, changes, and eventually dies.

Its meanings are never fixed; instead, they change, emerge, and fade through human experience.

Future

Our **feelings and experiences** shape how we give meaning to words.
When feelings and experience meet, language becomes more than just communication
it becomes a reflection of our life and emotions.



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