

## Chapter 4

### Multiple Literacies in Educating Multilingual Learners: AI-Enabled and Brain-Based Insights into Translanguaging – Rachel Grant and Ting Yuan

#### PAR Example – Me Box

##### AI Assistance in the Translanguaging Classroom

ChatGPT Prompt Option 1:  
Please explain the meaning of Hulu as a symbol in Chinese culture?

ChatGPT Prompt Option 2:  
Please provide the pronunciation of Hulu in Chinese Mandarin?

Classroom Teaching:  
Help students share and present their multilingual and multicultural *Me Boxes* during daily morning meetings in the beginning of a school year.

### Me Box

The *Me Box* is a multimodal translanguaging activity that fosters young learners in exploring their identities and expressing their cultural and linguistic repertoires. In this activity, children, often with help from their families, place meaningful items into a box. The example below shows a *Me Box* that Ting shared with her class.



A wooden "transformer" that can take on limitless creative forms, representing how Ting views her multiple identities—as a mother, scholar, learner, and life adventurer.



A ring passed down from Ting's grandmother to her mother, and then to her.



A "clay donut" made by Ting's daughter, symbolizing both their Americanized life and the importance of children's artistic expressions.



A cloth coaster from a set gifted by Ting's family in China, printed with 葫芦 (húlu), which symbolizes family blessings of prosperity, good fortune, and long life.



A photo of family members in the U.S.: Ting's daughter, Letao, and their cat, Purfy.