

Why we say stuff

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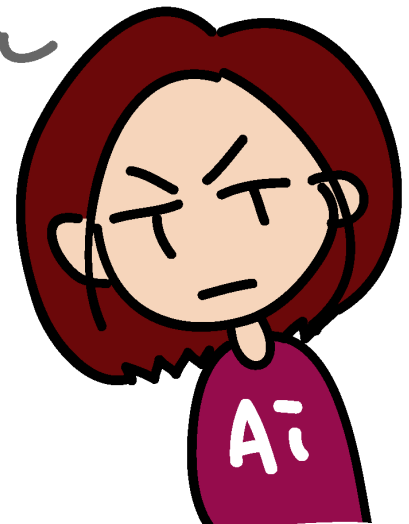
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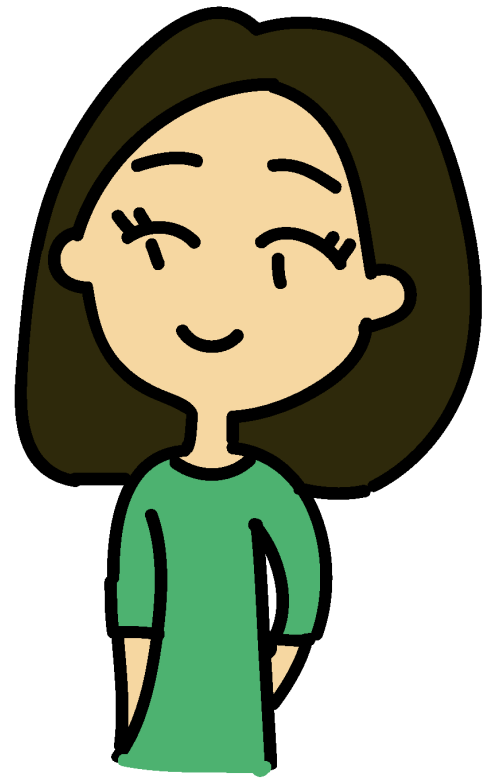
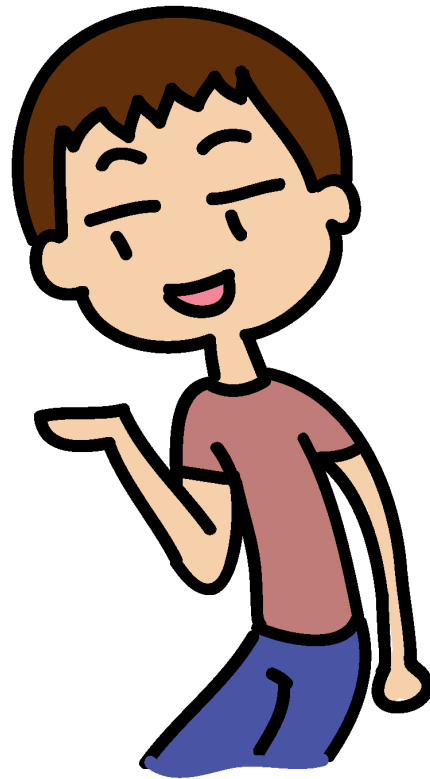
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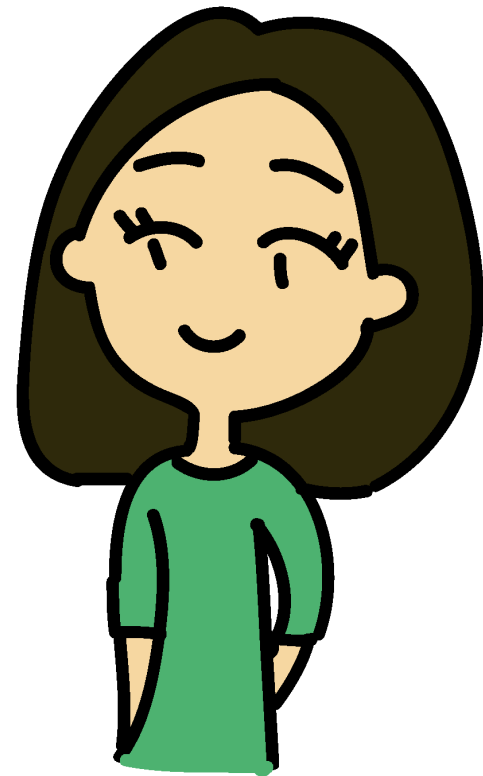
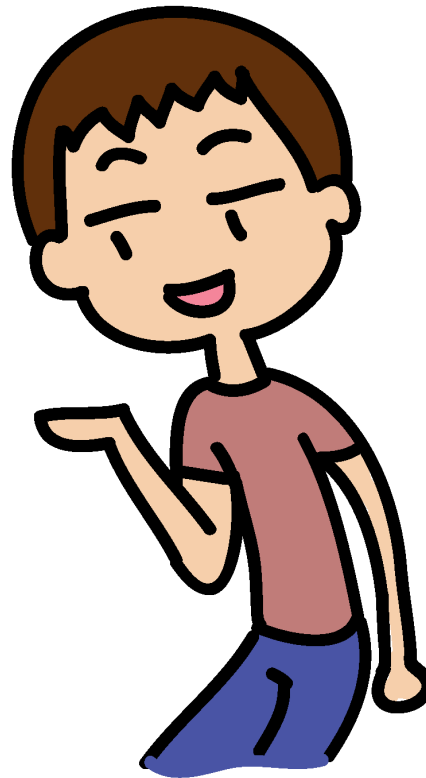
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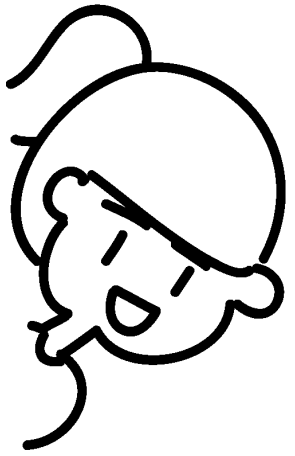
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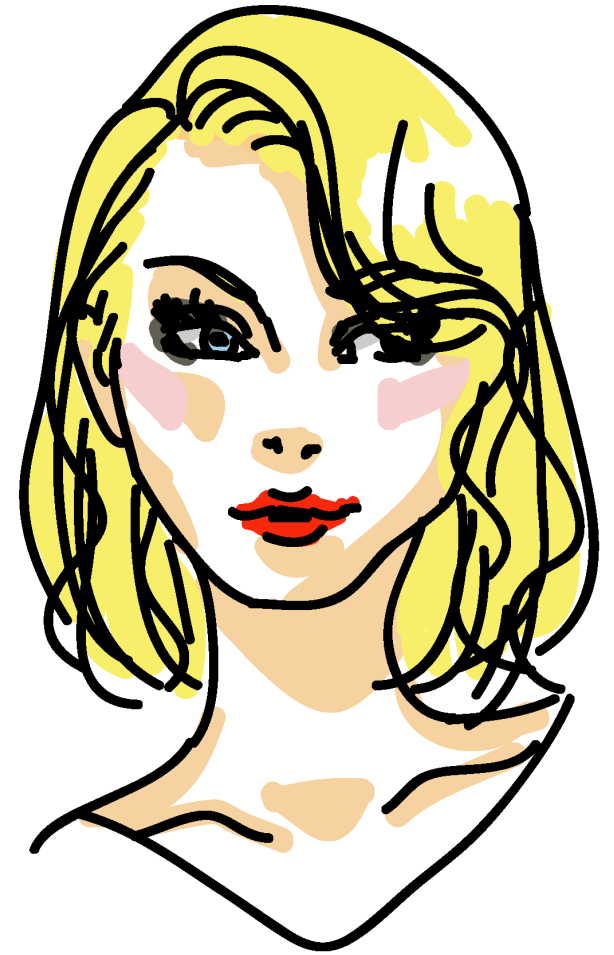
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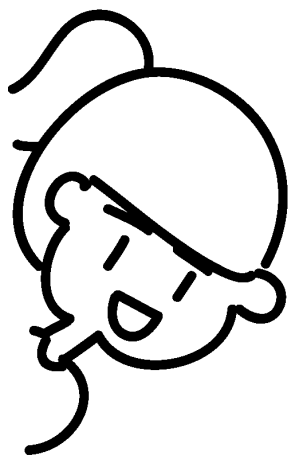


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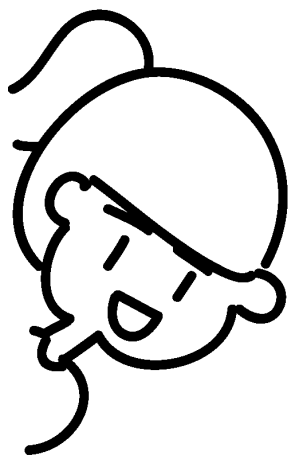


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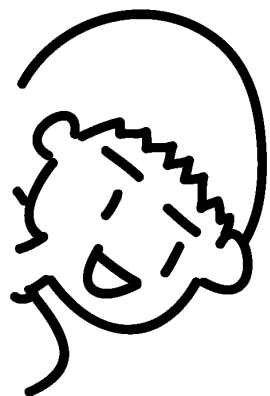
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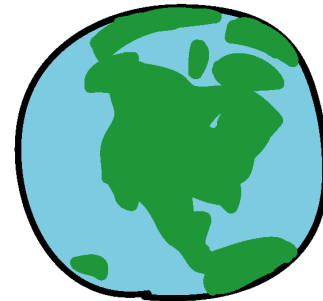
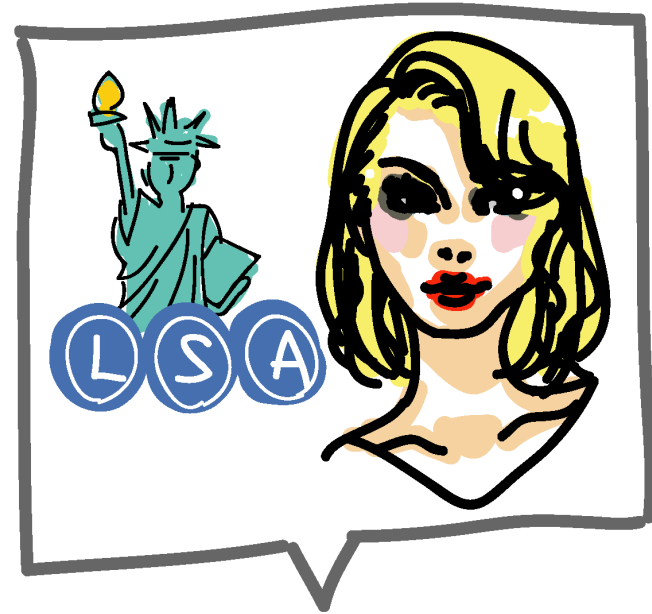
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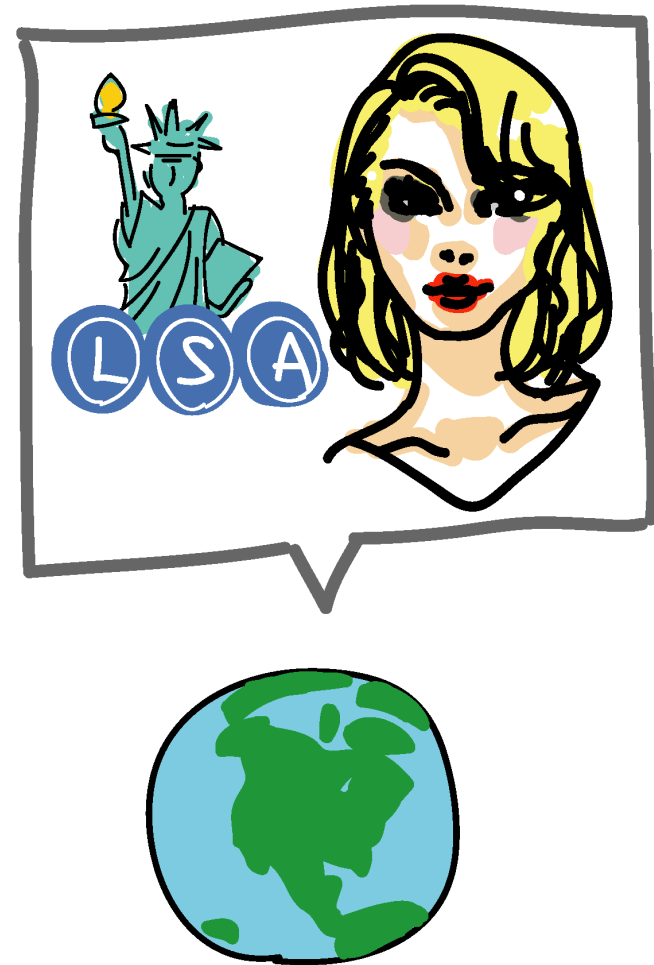
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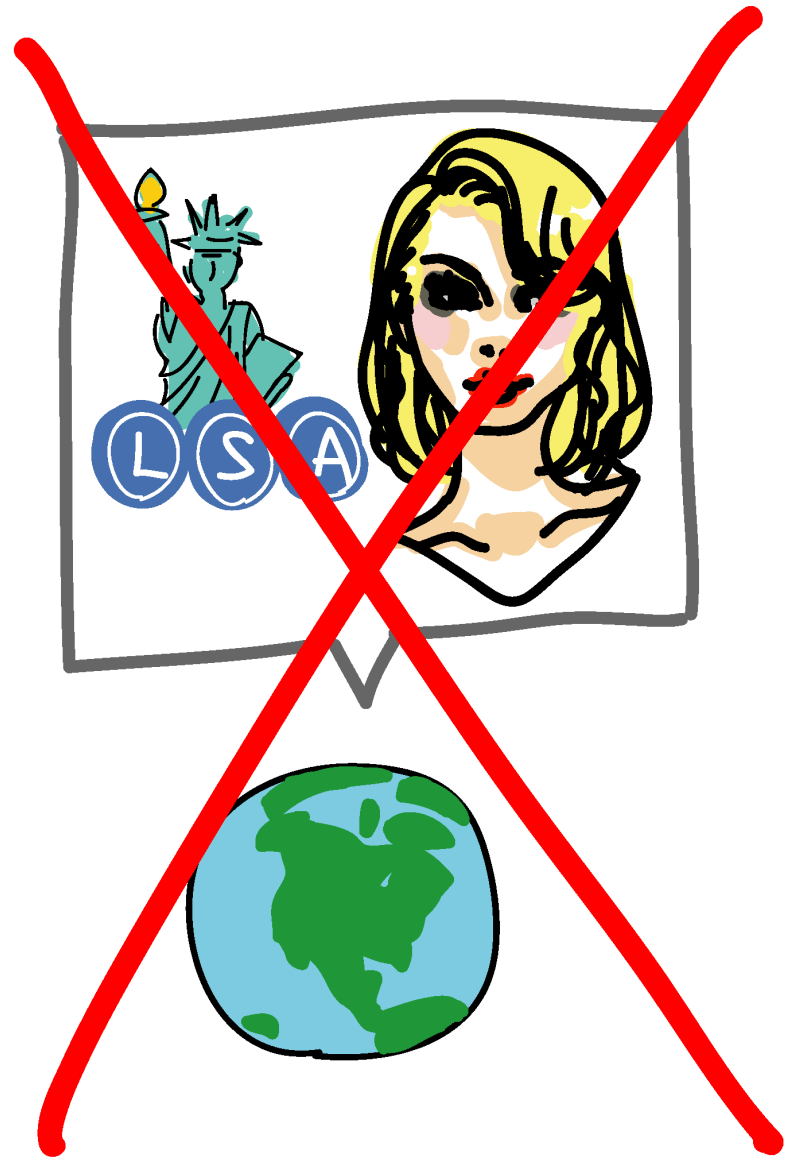
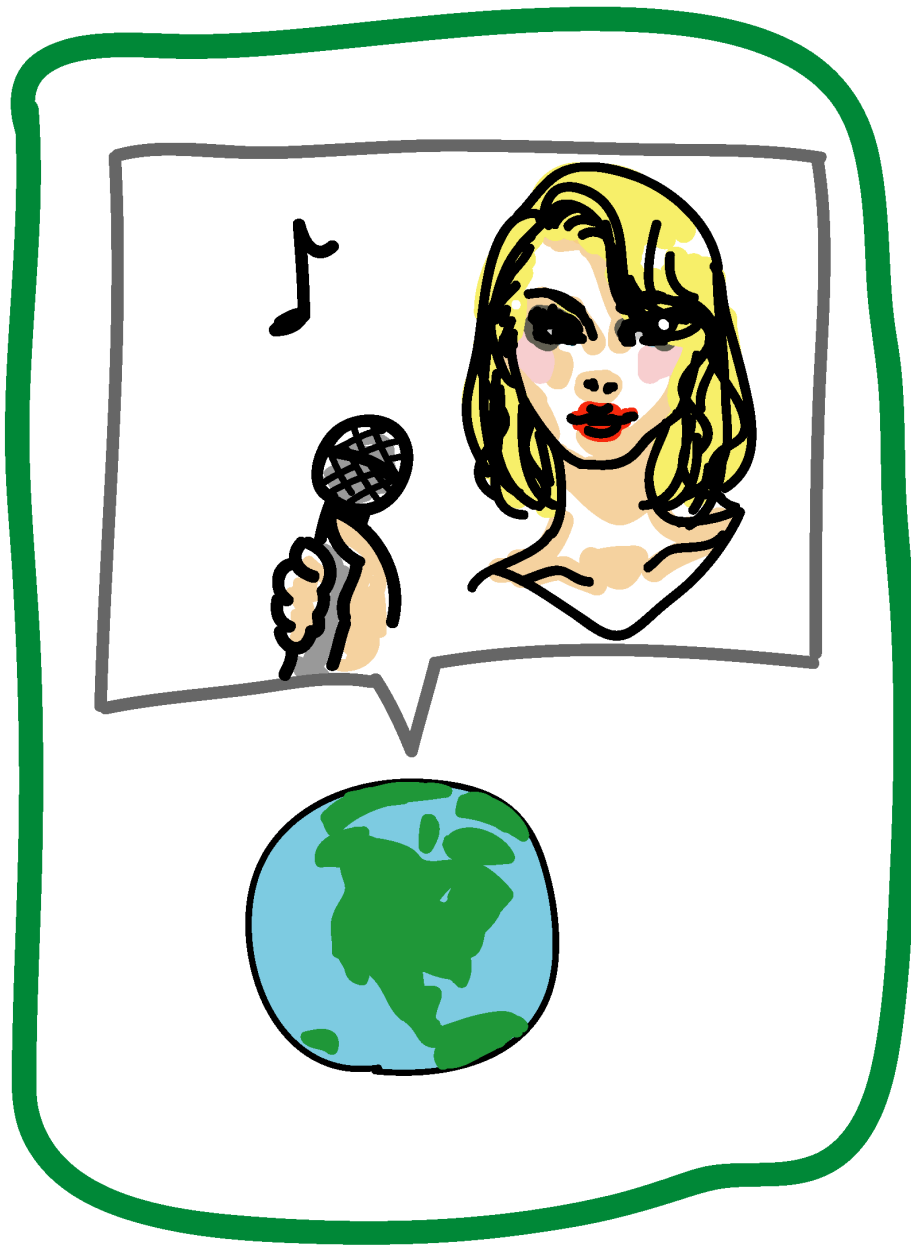
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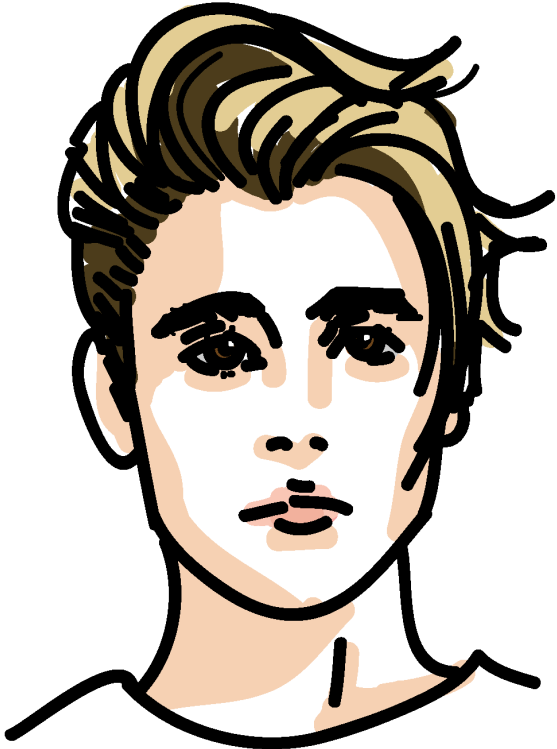
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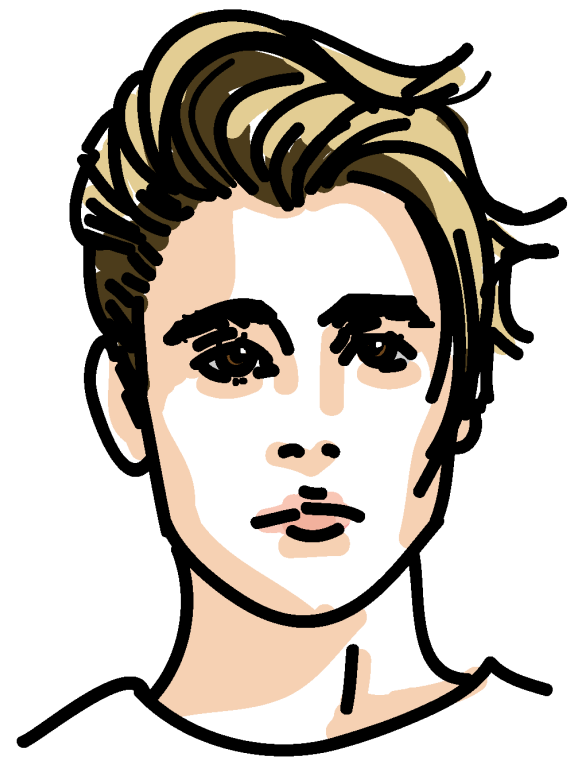




Bieber



Morgan
Freeman

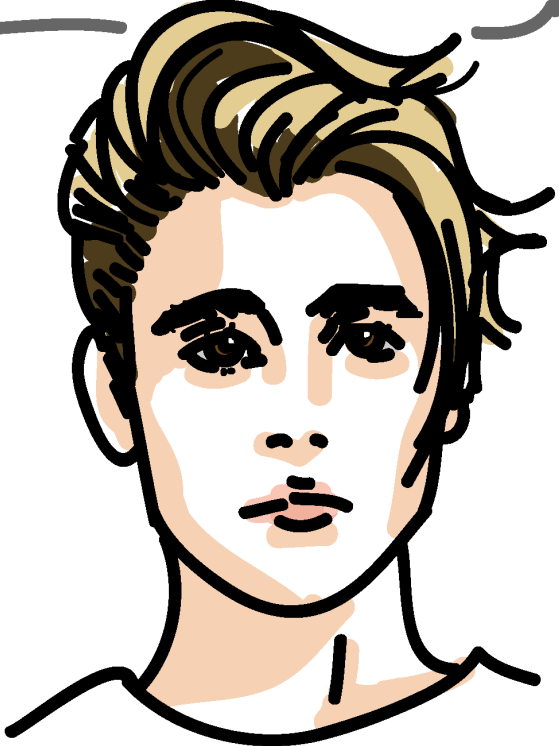


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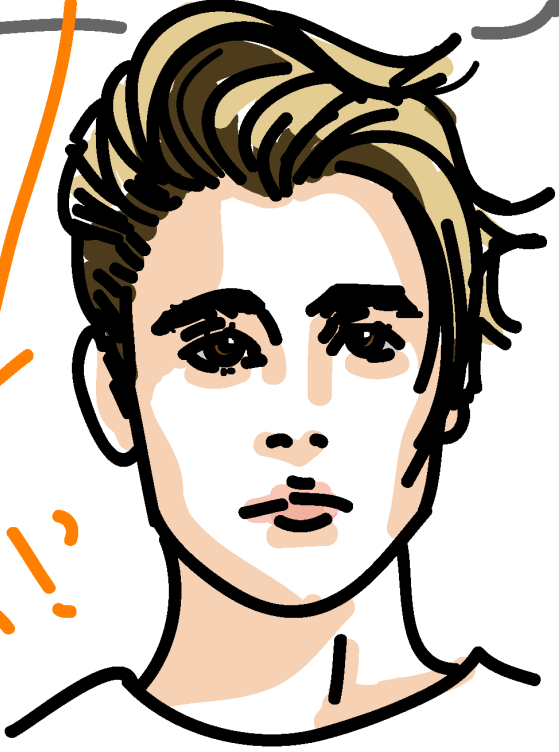
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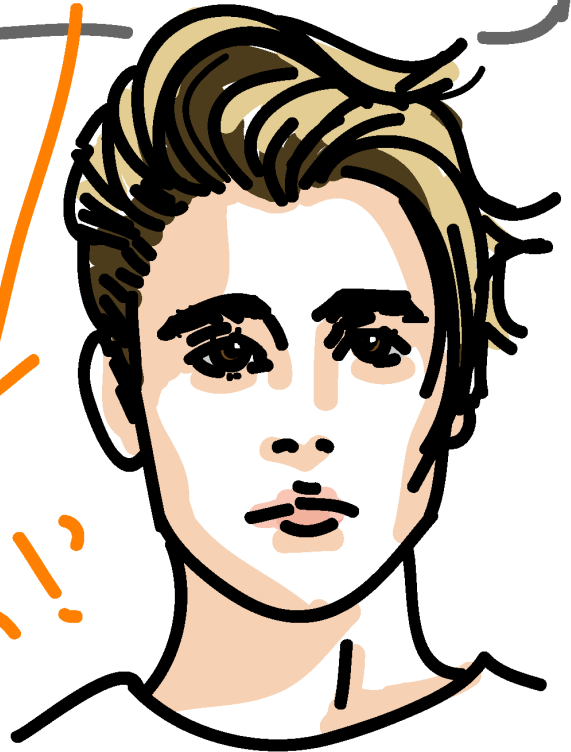


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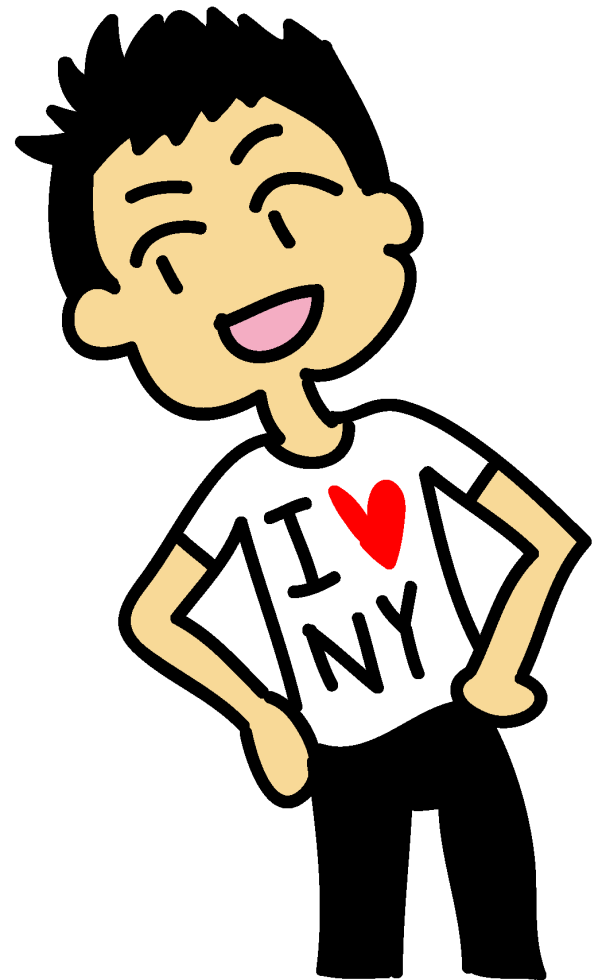
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(Eckert 1989, 2000, 2008; Ochs 1992)

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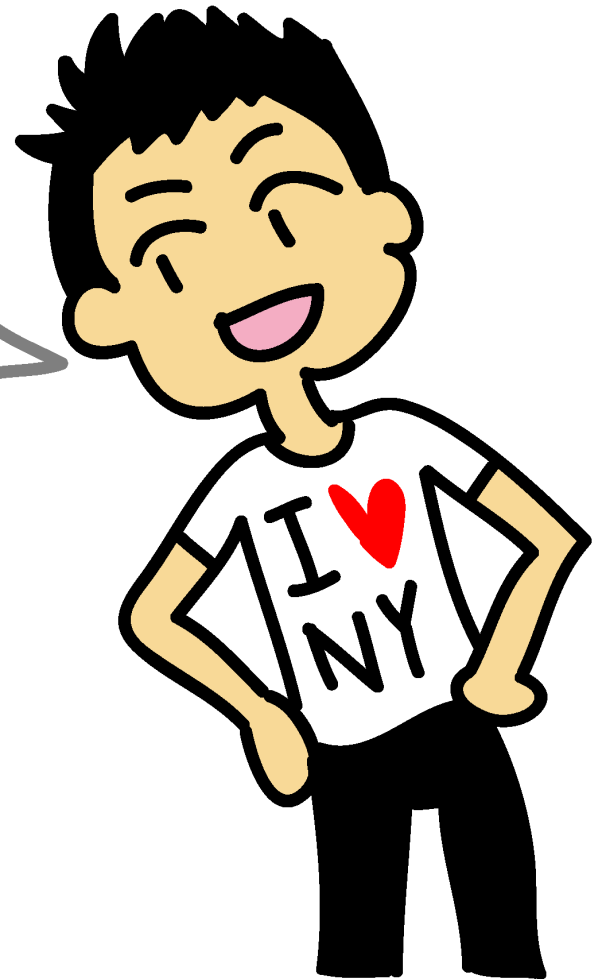
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Japanese



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NY-to went
'I went to NY'

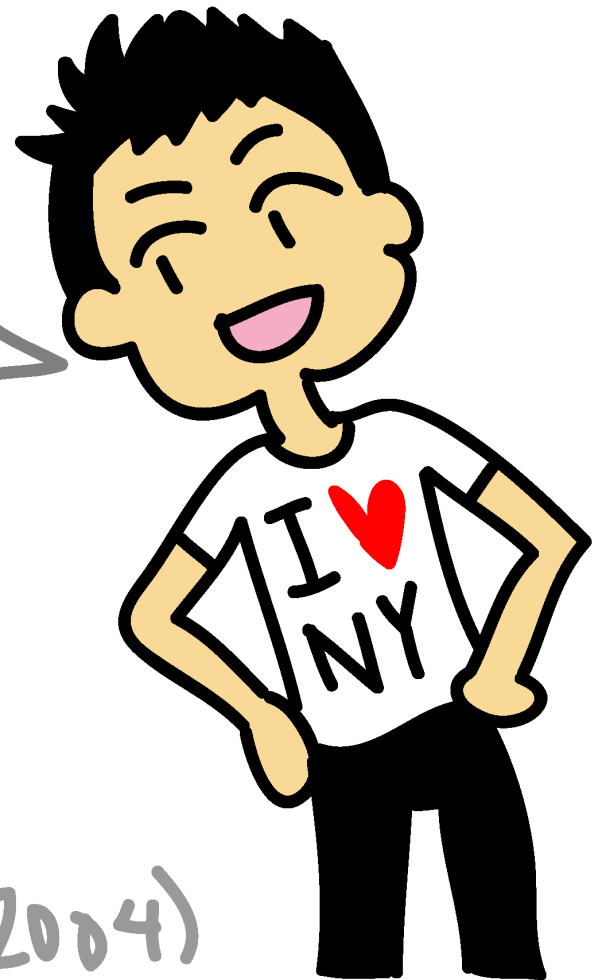


Japanese

NY-ni itta -ze

NY-to went ZE

'I went to NY'



(Uyeno 1972)

(Ochs 1992, Sreetharan 2004)

Japanese

NY-ni itta -nya

NY-to went -NYA

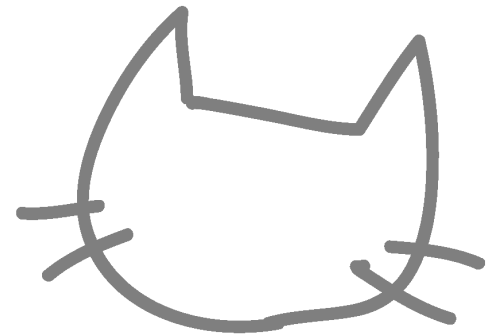
'I went to NY'

Japanese

NY-ni itta -nya

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(kinsui 2003)

Japanese

NY-hi itta -nya

NY-to went -NYA

'I went to NY'

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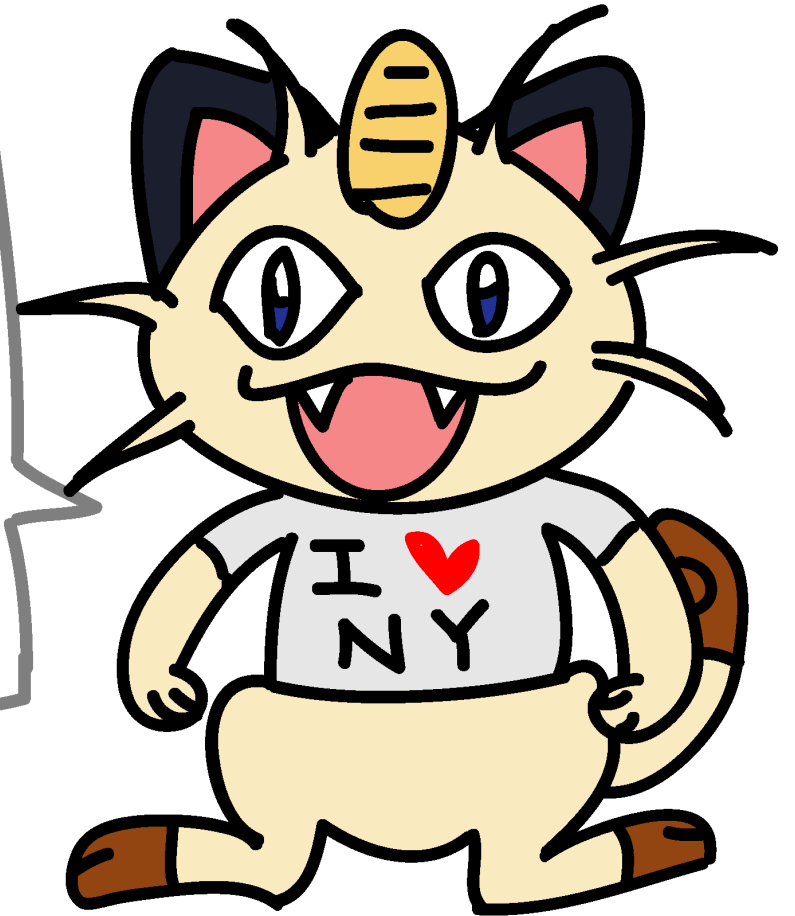


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'I went to NY'



(Kinsui 2003, Akizuki 2012)

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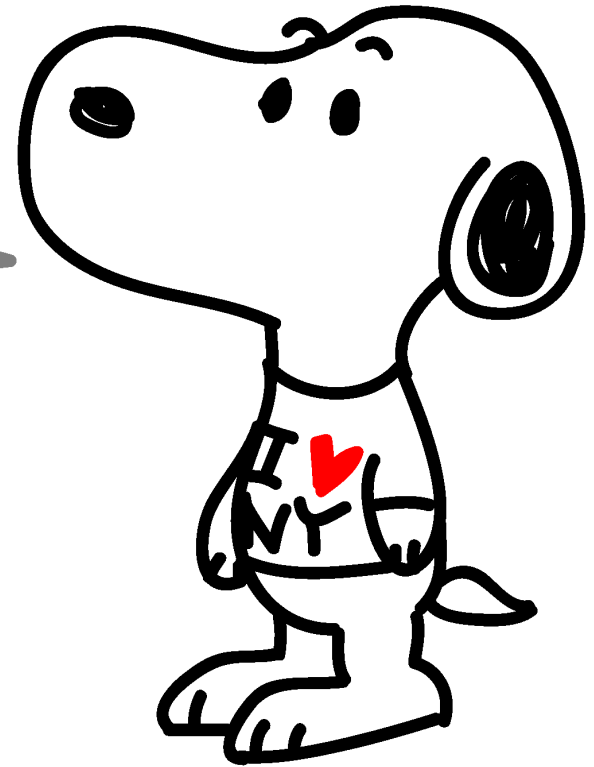
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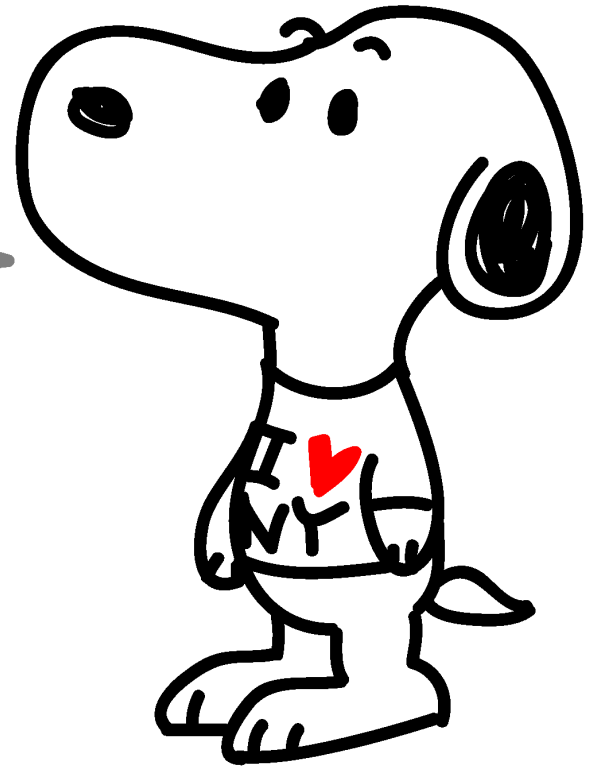
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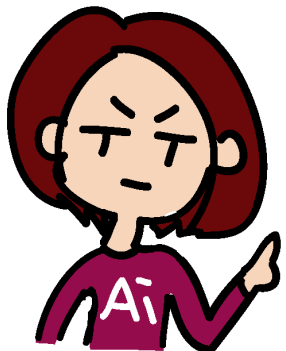
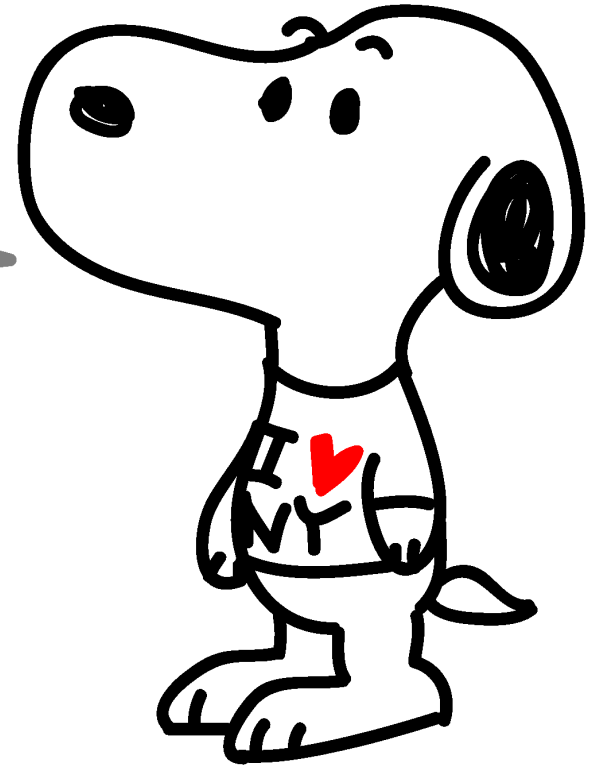


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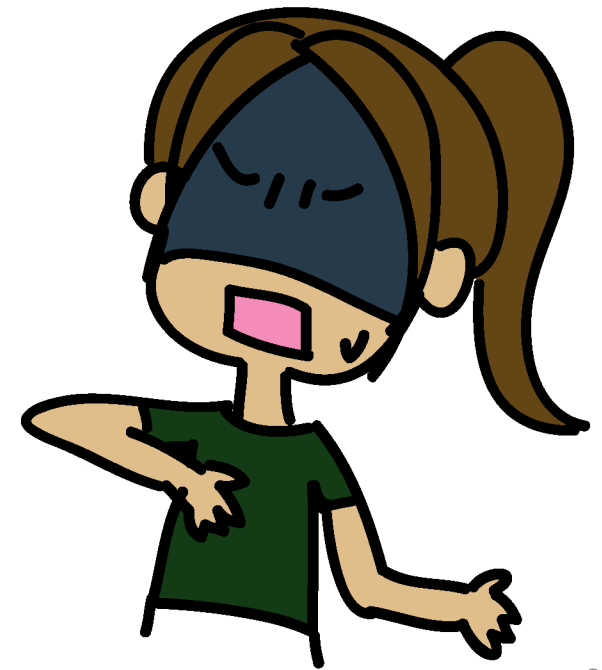
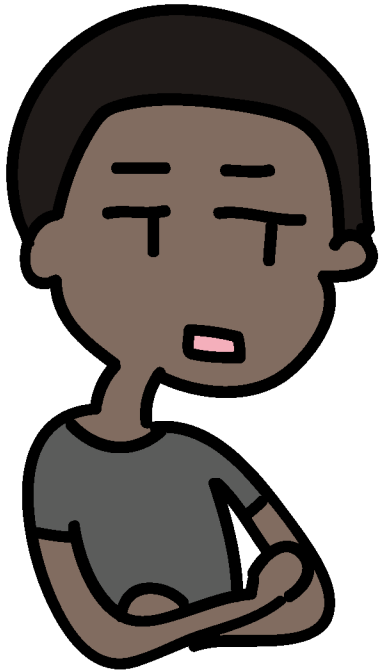
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not me!~~

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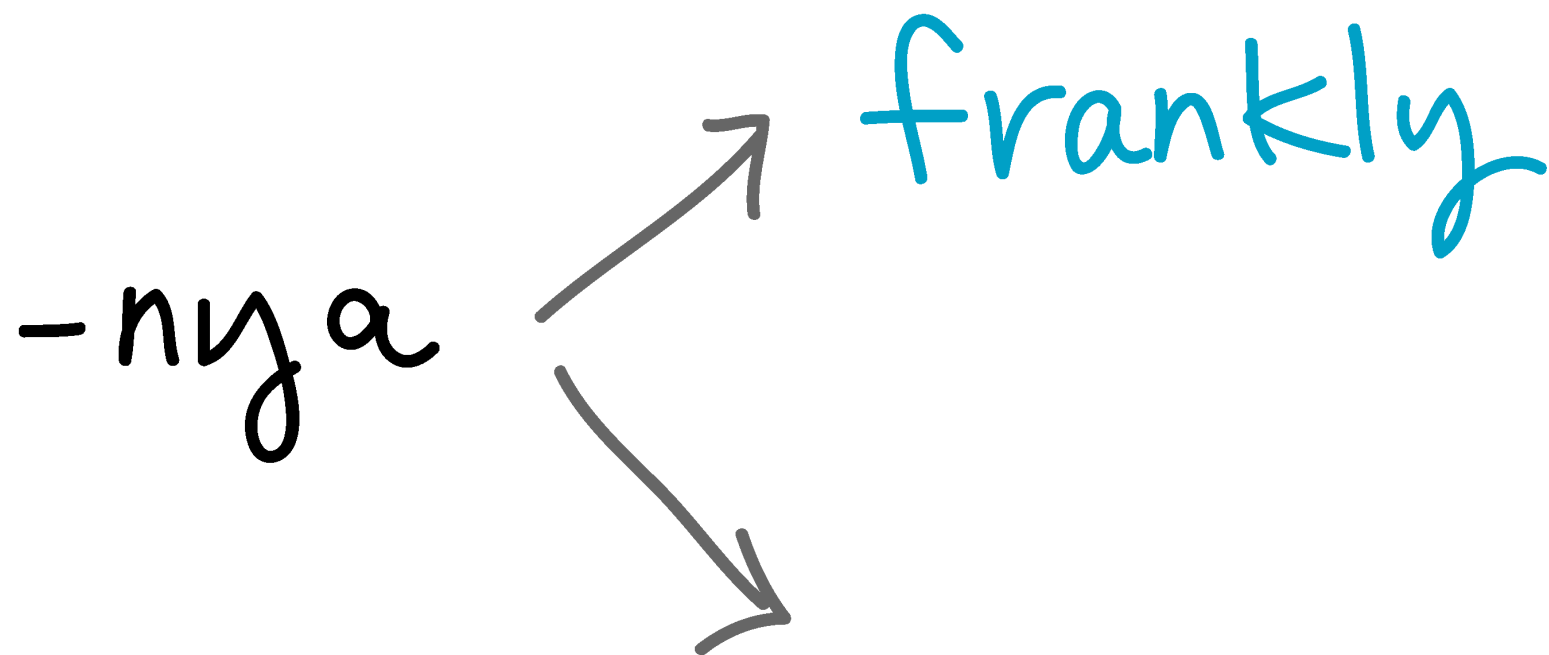


Frankly,
you have terrible
taste in music.

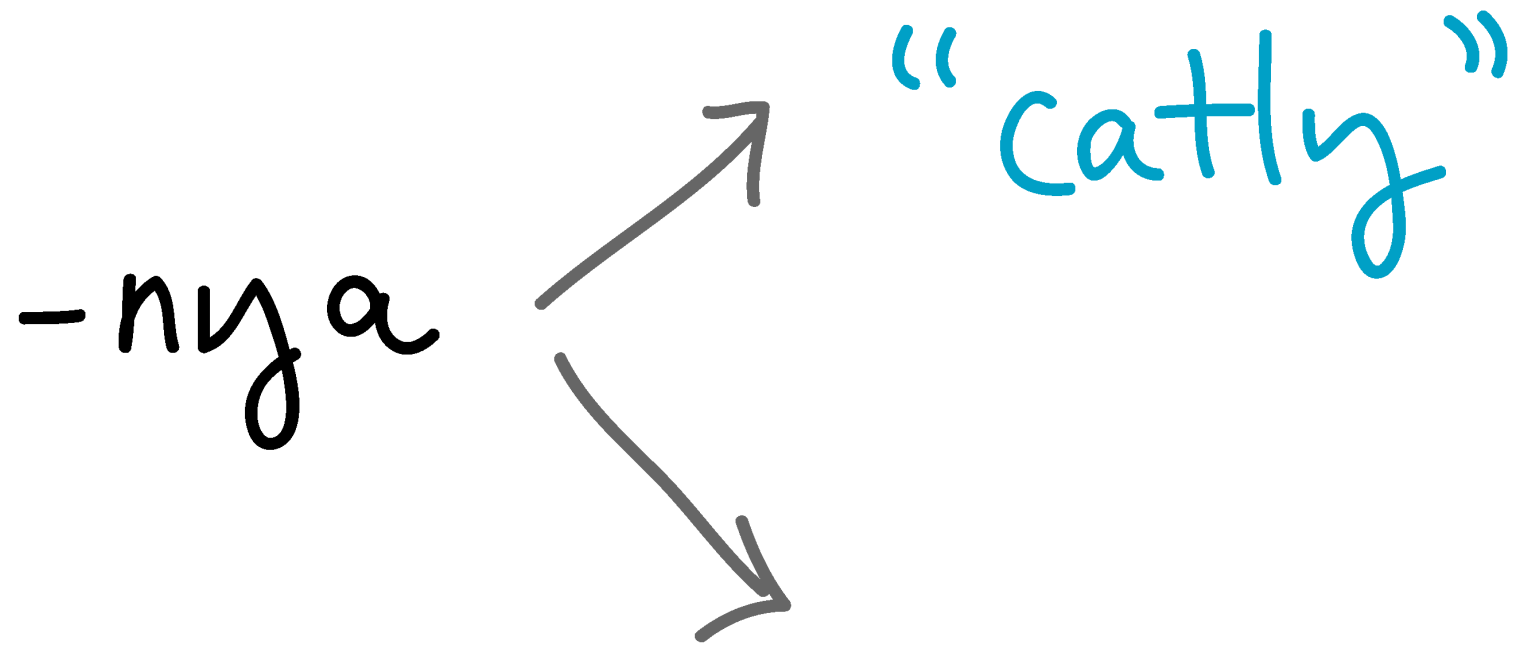


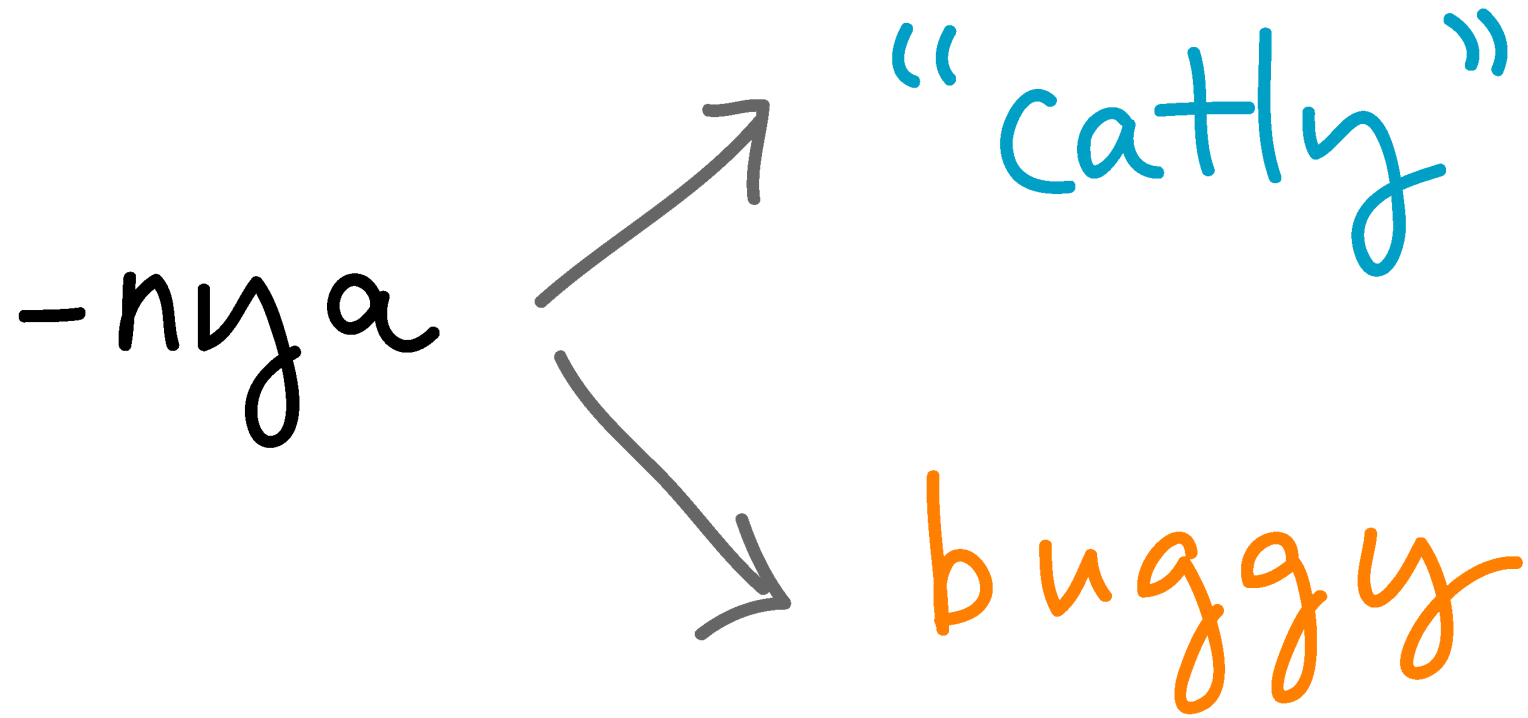
(Potts 2005)

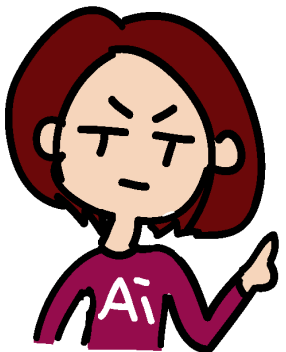
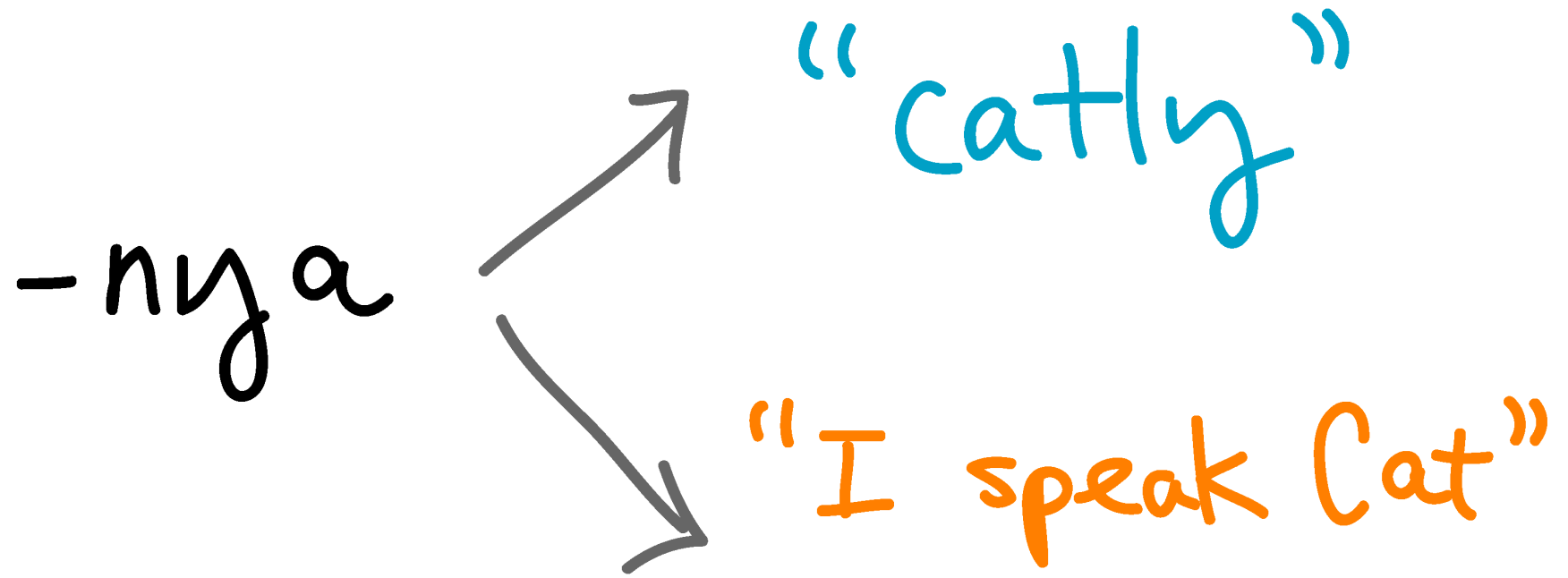
-nya → frankly

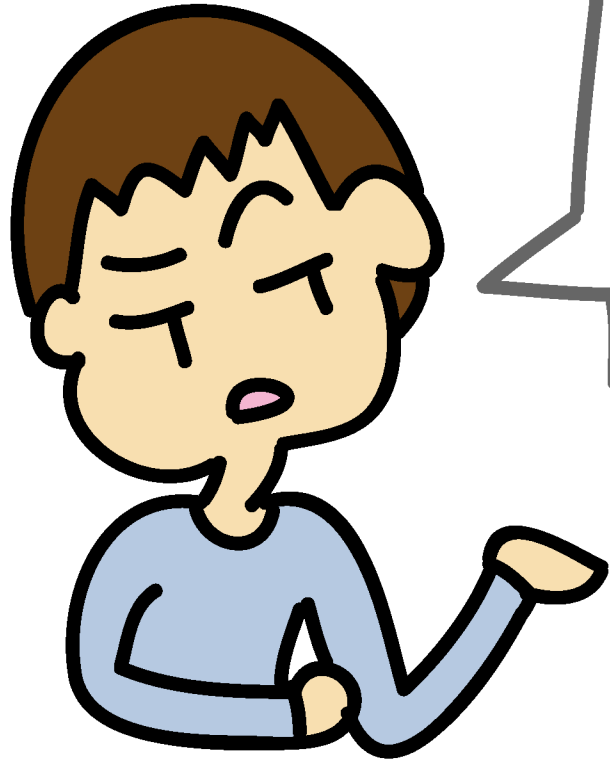


-nya → "catly"

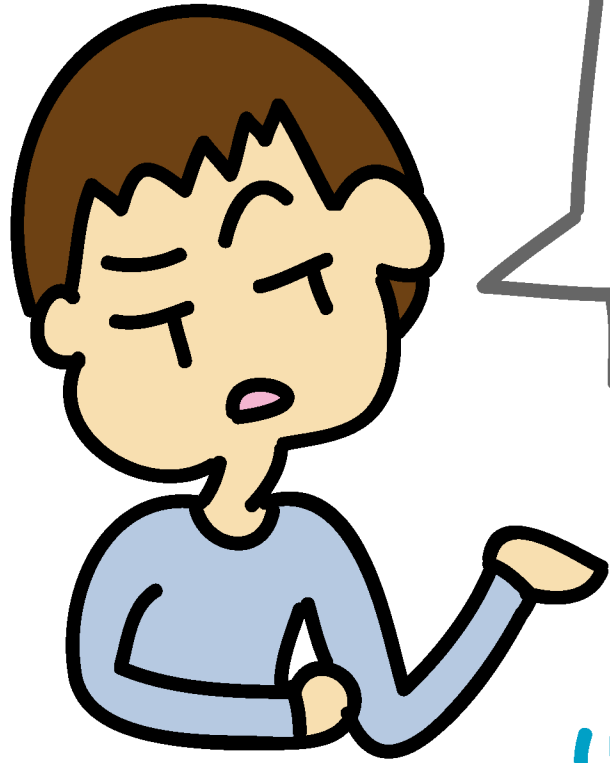








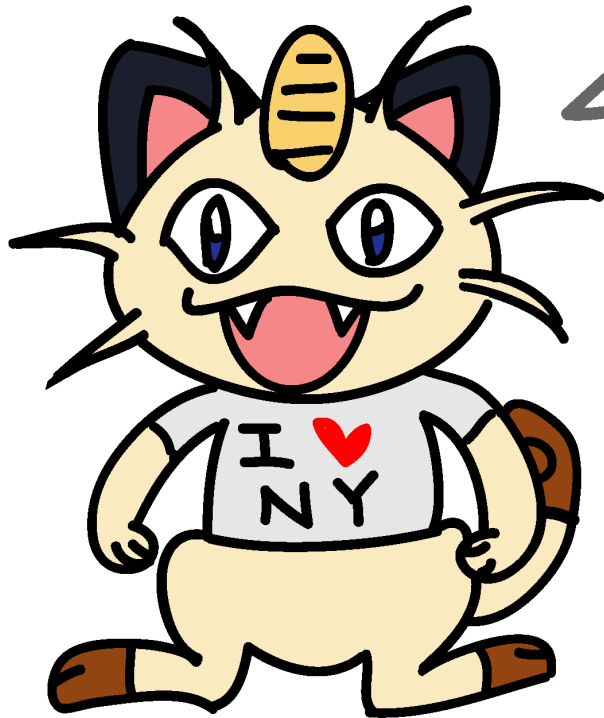
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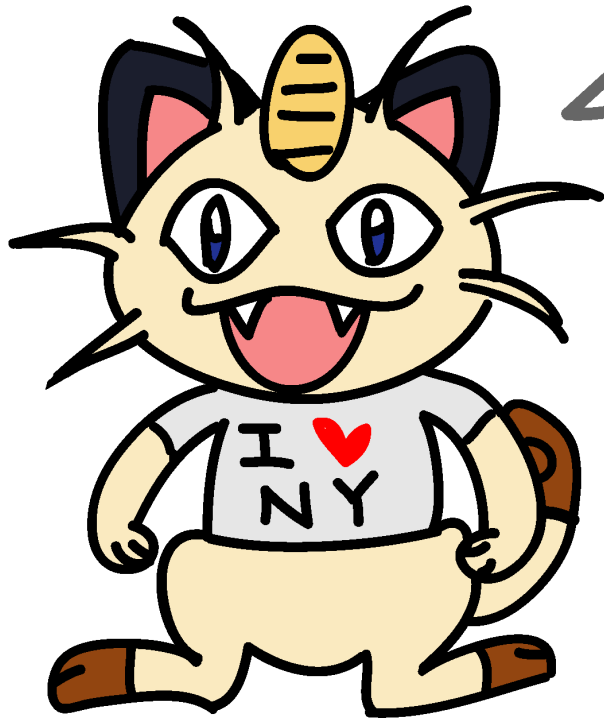


“Answer frankly”



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know-want - Q - NYA

'Do you want
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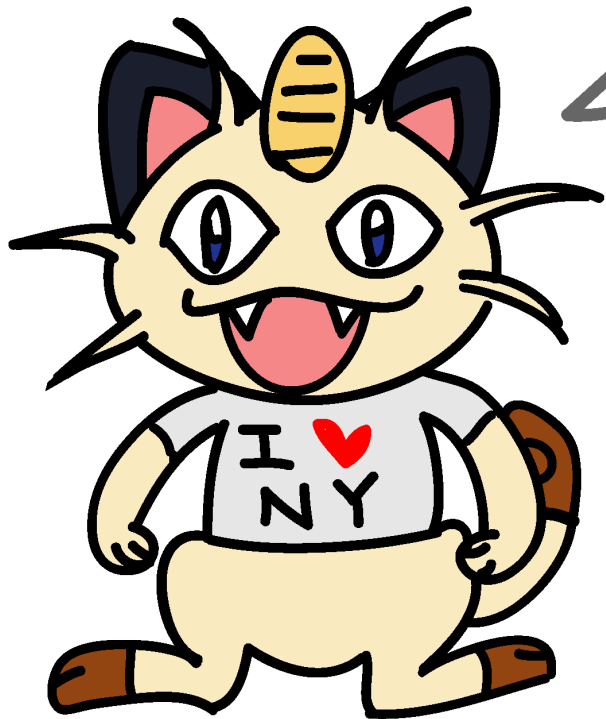


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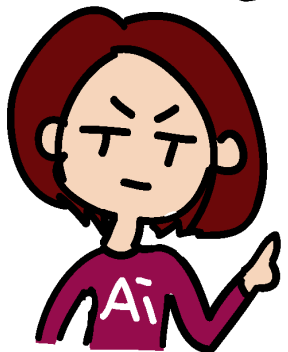


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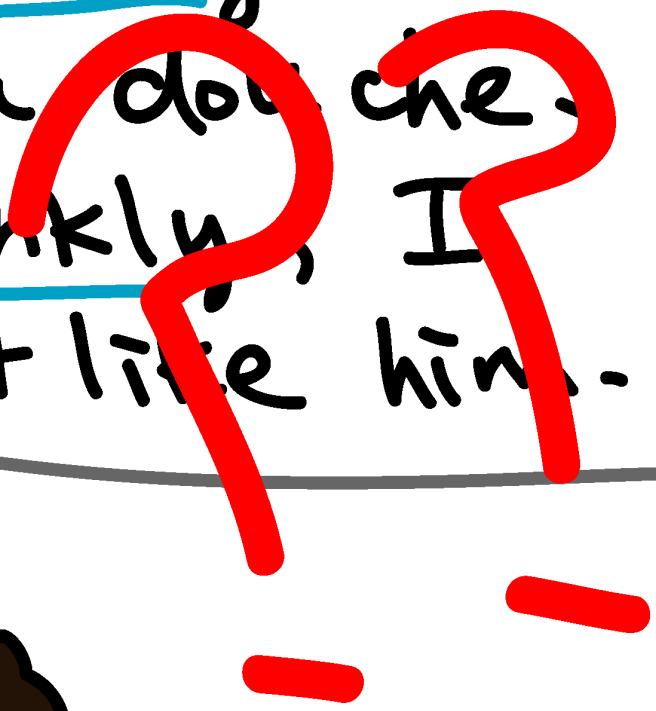


~~"Answer catly"~~

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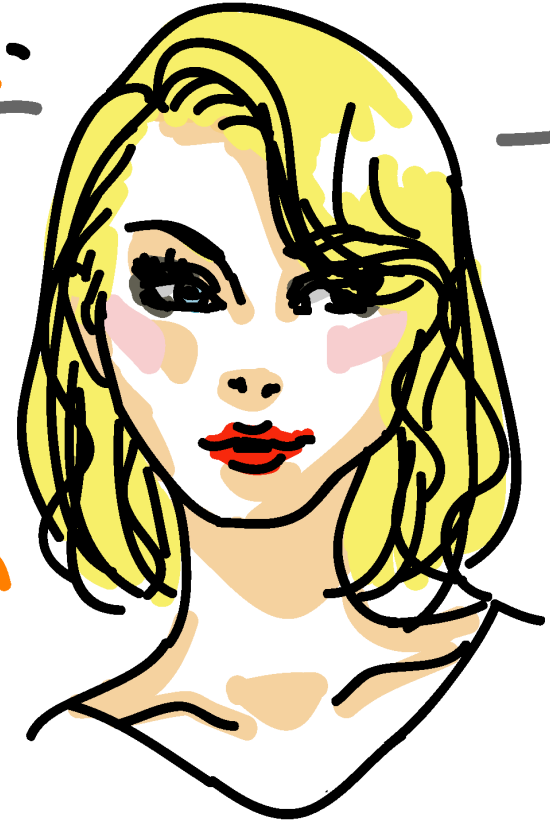


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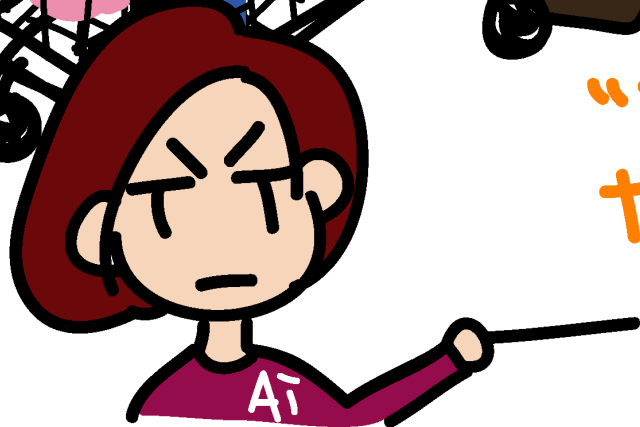
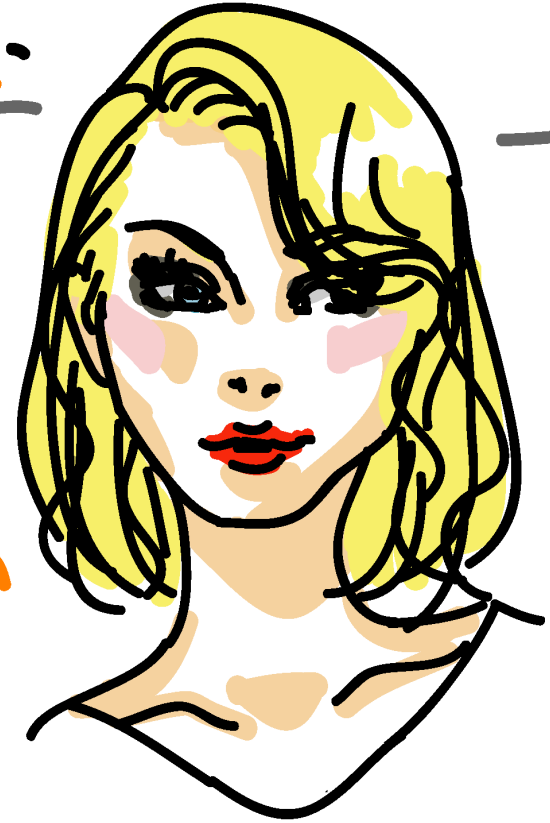
"I'm from the South"



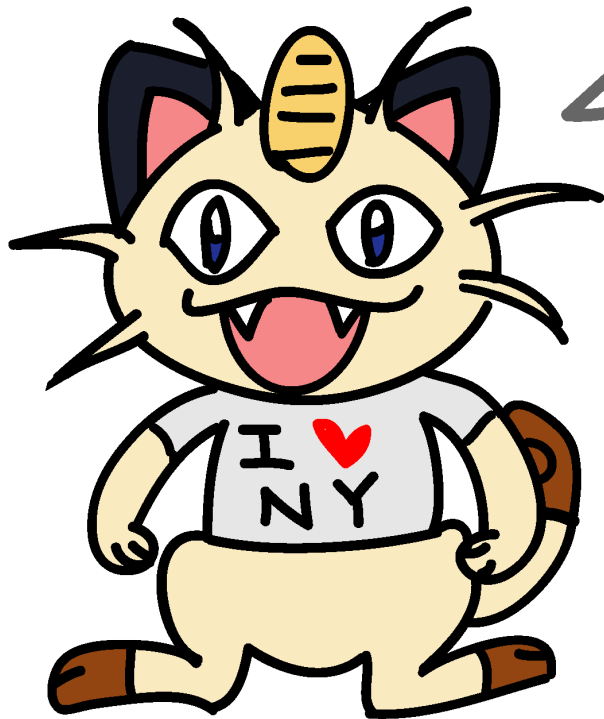
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"I'm from
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x3

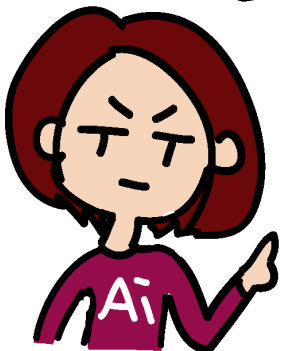


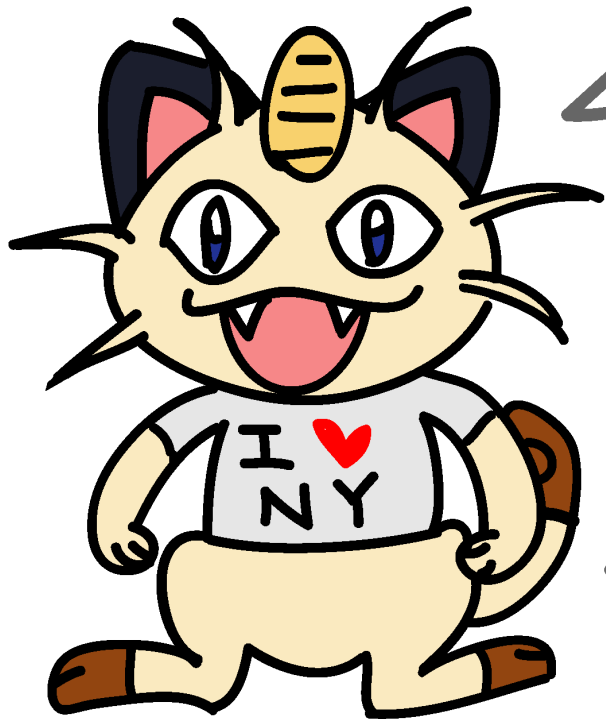
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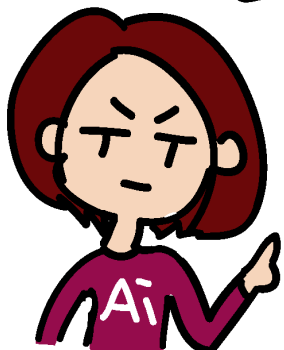
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"Cat"
x2

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social meaning

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