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# DECODING SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE: FROM ICON TO UNDERSTANDING

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The following text is part of artist Xi Bing's novel *Book from the Ground*. Bing has written the text in a "language of icons" that he has collected. In his artist's statement Bing says, "regardless of cultural background, one should be able understand the text as long as one is thoroughly entangled in modern life."



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2. Meet up with a partner and pair share translations. Make at least three notes below about things that you learned, disagreed about or found interesting.

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You and your partner can join with another pair in class. As a group of four please answer the following questions in the space below or on chart paper.

3. Make a chart with six symbols you group is POSITIVE they know the meaning of below. NOTE: Symbols cannot come from the first line of text.

SYMBOL	MEANING	KNOWLEDGE/STRATEGY THAT ALLOWED YOU TO DECODE MEANING

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4. What "reading" strategies did you use to decode the symbols above and the story as a whole? How did you make meanings? List at least five strategies your group used below.

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5. Make a list of four things from the story that your group still collectively has questions about.

QUESTIONS	READING STRATEGIES YOU MIGHT USE TO DISCOVER THE ANSWER