A Chinese Portrait (portrait chinois) is a metaphorical description of oneself through a comparison with various animals, objects, places, people, characters, foods, or anything really!

The portrait is based on the imperfect/conditional formula “**If I were a(n) X, I would be….”**

e.g. **If I was a writer, I’d be** Charles Dickens.

It may be made into a guessing game where portraits are completed anonymously then selected at random. The rest of the class has to guess who it is. The Chinese Portrait is adaptable to any language.

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**If I were an animal, I would be a...**

**If I were a plant, I would be a…**

**If I were a city, I would be…**

**If I were an object, I would be a…**

**If I were a fruit, I would be a…**

**If I were a colour, I would be…**

**If I were a famous monument, I would be…**

**If I were someone from history, I would be…**