



► The interrogative pronoun “几”

- **Ask about small numbers (under 10) with “几 (jǐ)”.**

Questions

Nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén

你 家 有 几 口 人？

Tā nǚ' ér jǐ suì le

她 女儿 几 岁 了？

Answers

Wǒ jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén

我 家 有 五 口 人。

Tā nǚ' ér bā suì le

她 女儿 八 岁 了。

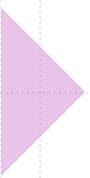
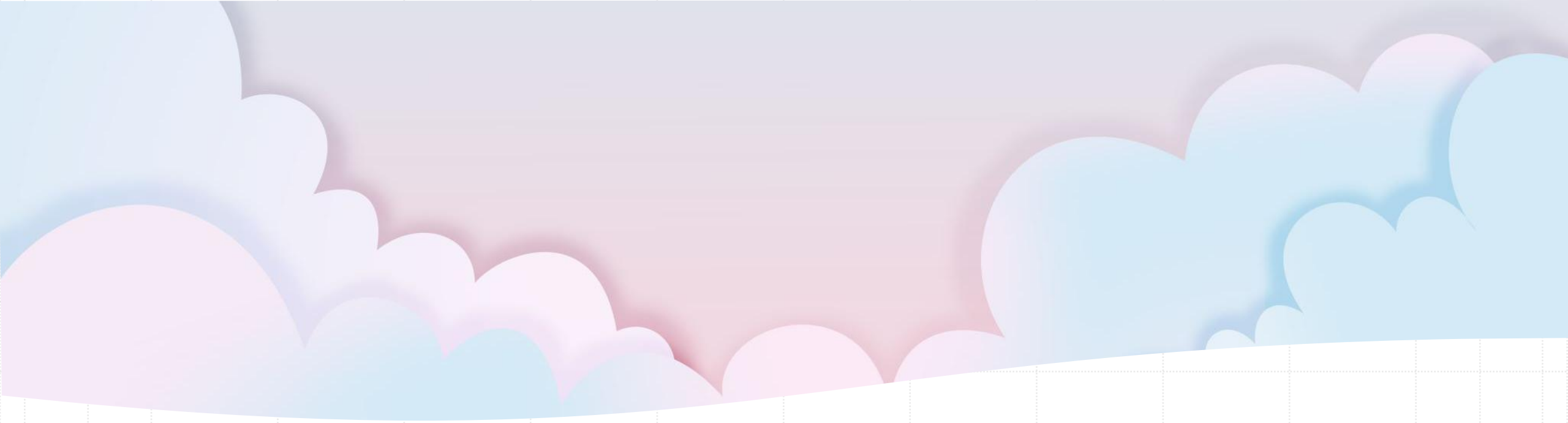
Ask about small amounts with “几 (jǐ) ”!

Form questions matching the following answers:

- 我七岁了。Wǒ qī suì le.
- 老师家有四口人。Lǎoshī jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén.

参考答案 Reference answers

- 我七岁了。Wǒ qī suì le.
- →你几岁了？ Nǐ jǐ suì le? How old are you?
- 老师家有四口人。Lǎoshī jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén.
- →老师家有几口人？ Lǎoshī jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén? How many people are in the teacher's family?

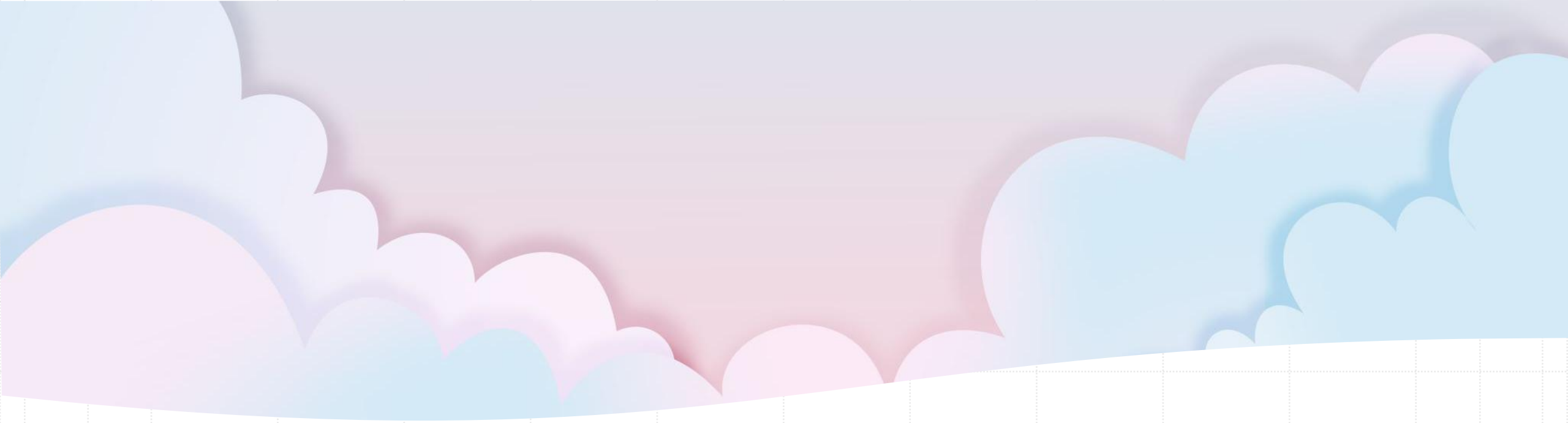


“了” Indicating a change

- “了 (le)” at the end of a sentence = "Now it's different!"
It shows something changed or just happened.

Examples	English translation
Lǐ lǎoshī sānshí suì le 李 老师 三十 岁 了。	Teacher Li is thirty years old now. (Emphasizes she's <i>reached</i> 30 or it's a recent change)
Wǒ nǚ'ér jīnnián shí suì le 我 女儿 今年 十 岁 了。	My daughter turned ten this year. (Highlights the <i>milestone</i> of becoming 10)
Xiànzài wǒmen shì péngyou le *现在, 我们 是 朋友 了。	Now, we've become friends. (Focuses on the <i>change in relationship</i>)

*现在 now



► The Interrogative Phrase “多 + 大”

- 多大 (duōdà) = “How old?” (for people)

It is usually used to ask about age (teens/adults).

Questions	Answers
Lǐ lǎoshī duōdà le 李 老师 多大 了?	Lǐ lǎoshī sānshí suì le 李 老师 三十 岁 了。
Nǐ nǚ' ér jīnnián duōdà le 你 女儿 今年 多大 了?	Wǒ nǚ' ér jīnnián shí suì le 我 女儿 今年 十 岁 了。
Tóngxué nǐ jīnnián duōdà 同学, 你 今年 多大?	Wǒ jīnnián èrshíyī suì 我 今年 二十一 岁。

How do you ask someone's age in Chinese in these situations?

- 你的同学 nǐ de tóngxué (to ask to your classmate)
- 同学的哥哥 tóngxué de gēge (to ask to your classmate)
- 张老师的儿女 Zhāng lǎoshī de nǚ' ér (to ask to 张老师)

参考答案 Reference answer

How do you ask your friend's age in Chinese?

- 你的同学 nǐ de tóngxué (to ask to your classmate)

Answer: 你多大了? Nǐ duōdà le? How old are you?

参考答案 Reference answer

How do you ask your friend's elder brother's age in Chinese?

- 同学的哥哥 tóngxué de gēge (to ask to your classmate)

Answer: 你的哥哥多大了? Nǐ de gēge duōdà le? How old is your elder brother?

参考答案 Reference answer

How do you ask your teacher's daughter's age in Chinese?

- 张老师的儿女 Zhāng lǎoshī de nǚ' ér (to ask to 张老师)

Answer: 张老师，您女儿今年多大了？Zhāng lǎoshī,
nín nǚ' ér jīnnián duōdà le?

Teacher Zhang, how old is your daughter this year?