



咱

zán

TALKING ABOUT OURSELVES



我们

wǒmen

We all learned the
Chinese word
for WE:

我 + 们

(I/me) + (plural marker)



咱们

zánmen

“We”

so this also
means “we”

*What's
different?*



Let's take a closer look at
this character



咱

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On the **left side** you see 口 **kǒu**
meaning MOUTH, related to *speaking*
calling or *eating*

On the **right side** you see 自 **zì**
meaning SELF, like in the word
自己 zìjǐ - “self”

咱

口

kǒu

自

zì



So why is 自 part of the character for "nose?"



自
鼻

Bí
"nose"

**Chinese
point at
their nose
to indicate
"Me"**





Let's try
a creative
translation of

咱们

咱们

we call

ourselves

all the people

inclusive
(including you)





咱们

zánmen

ME & *my group* + YOU & *your group*

One World, One Family!

