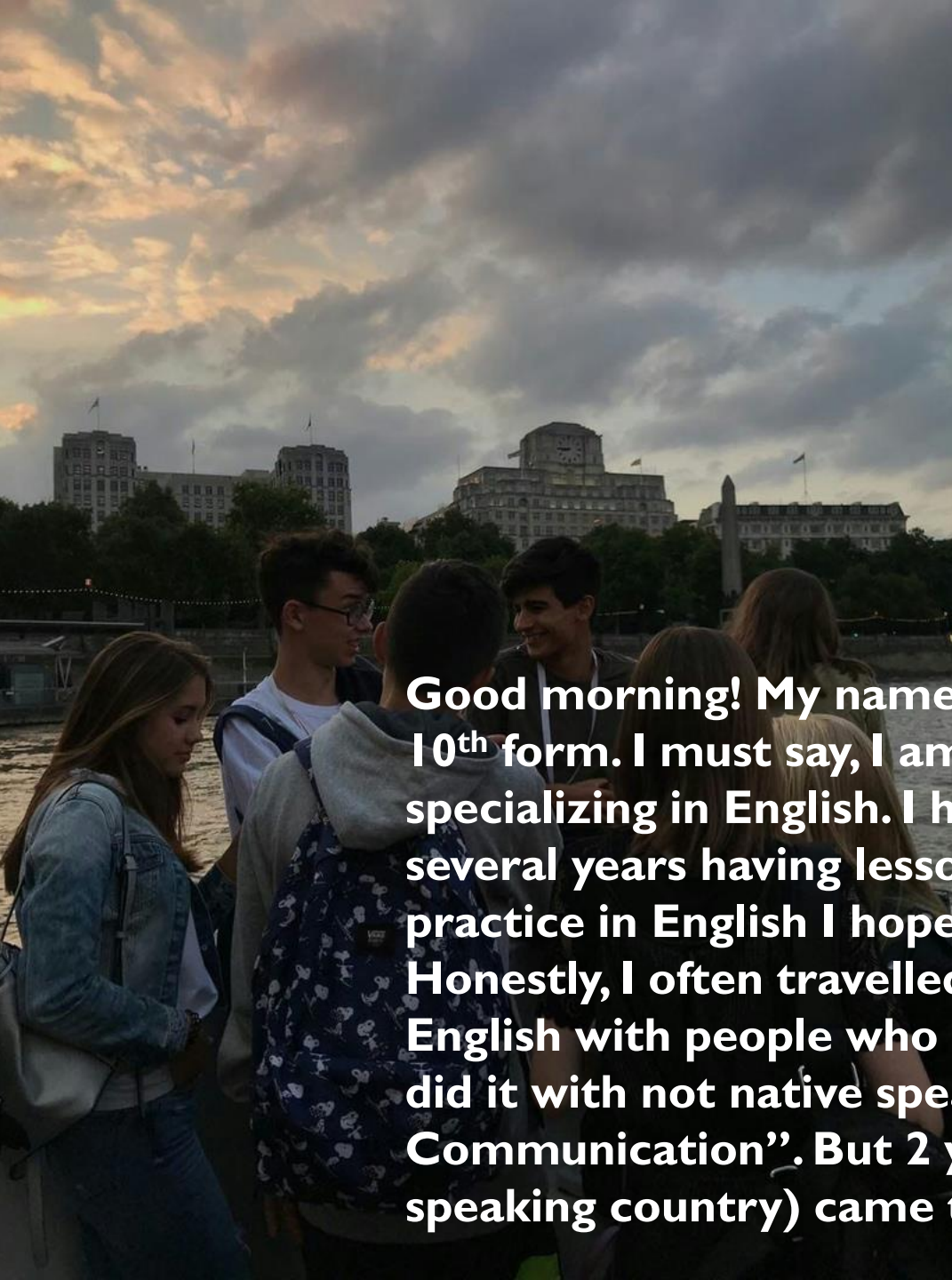
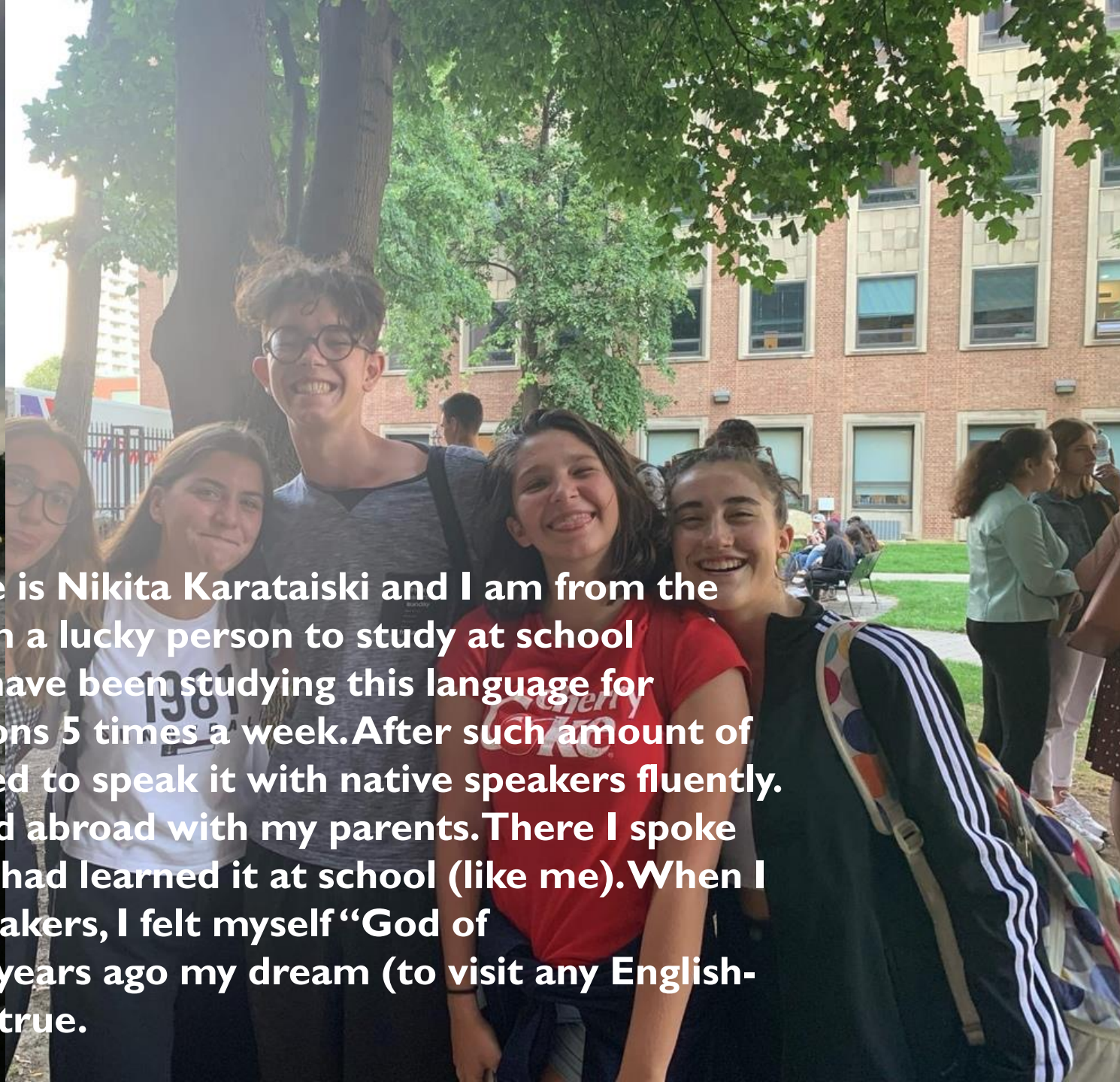
An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a dark blue overlay. The text is centered over the image.

URBAN DICTIONARY: RELEVANCE OF SLANG WORDS

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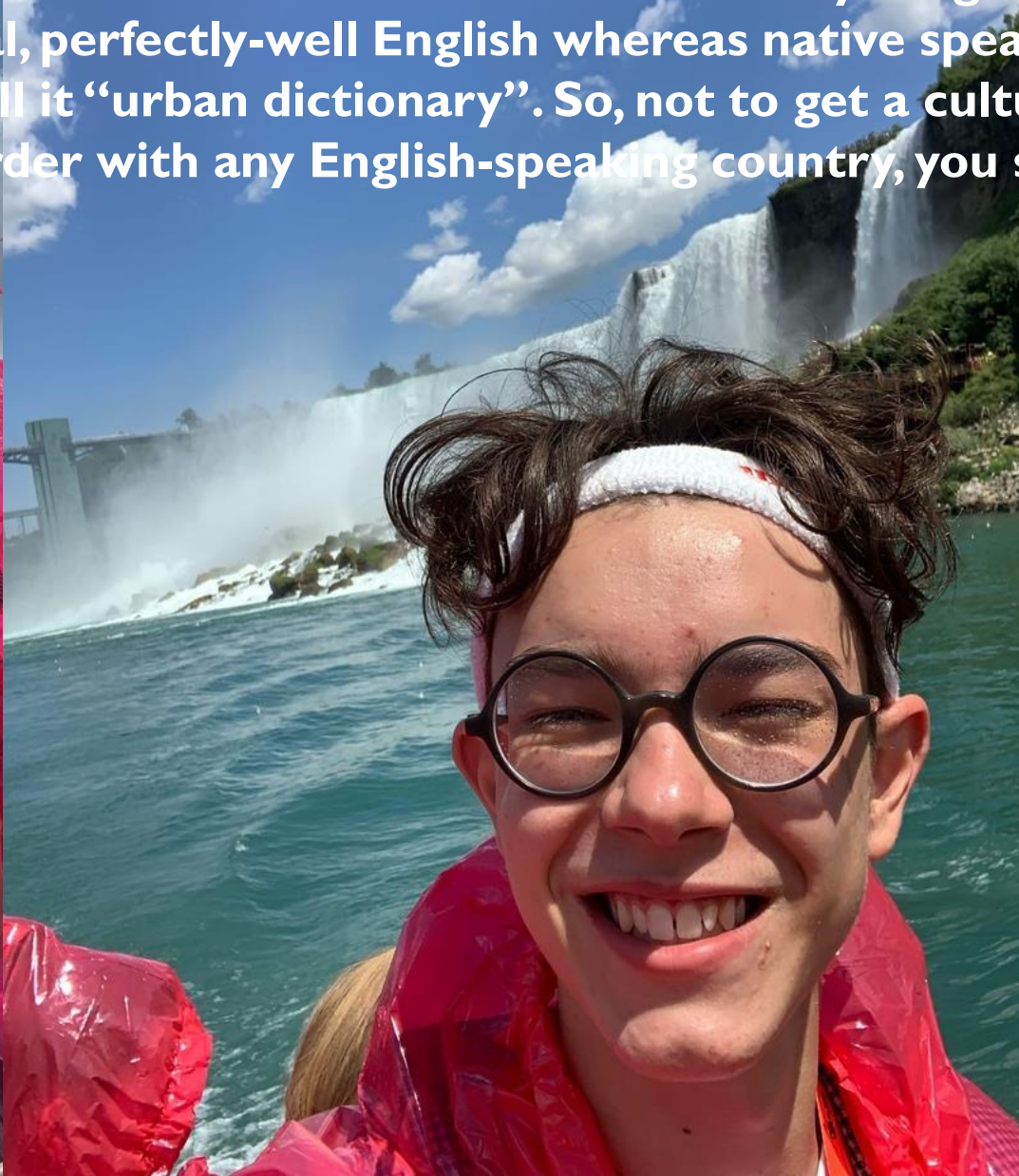
Good morning! My name is Nikita Karataiski and I am from the 10th form. I must say, I am a lucky person to study at school specializing in English. I have been studying this language for several years having lessons 5 times a week. After such amount of practice in English I hoped to speak it with native speakers fluently. Honestly, I often travelled abroad with my parents. There I spoke English with people who had learned it at school (like me). When I did it with not native speakers, I felt myself “God of Communication”. But 2 years ago my dream (to visit any English-speaking country) came true.





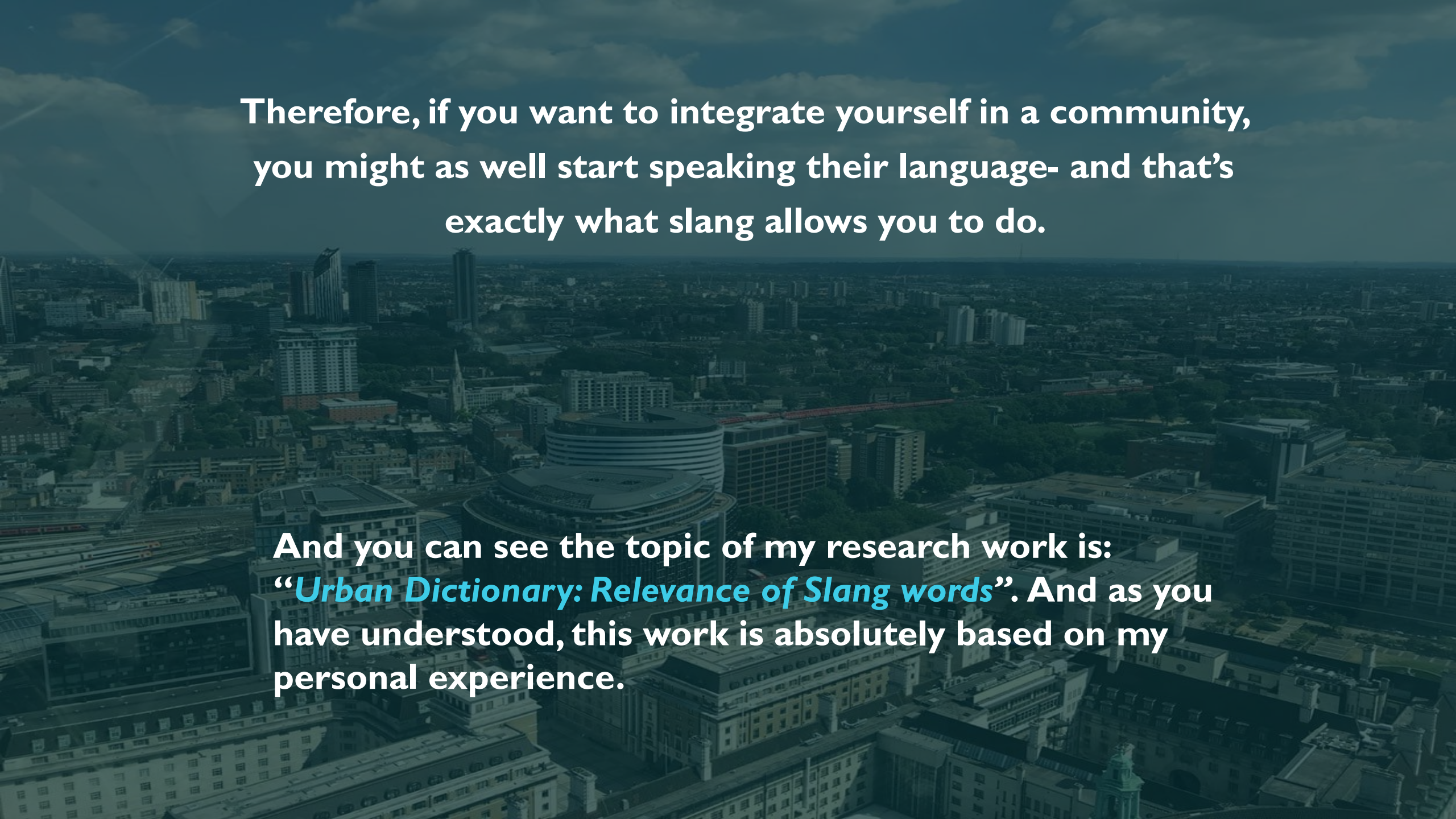
I went to Great Britain. Imagine my surprise when I didn't understand many phrases of British teenagers!

Last year I went to Canada. One more English-speaking country... How surprised I was that I didn't understand some phrases from their speech either. Then I have understood everything! We are taught classical, perfectly-well English whereas native speakers use slang or as they call it "urban dictionary". So, not to get a cultural shock crossing the border with any English-speaking country, you should know slang words.



SLANG HELPS YOU:

- FIT IN
- DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING
- BOND WITH PEOPLE
- BE RECOGNIZED AS A PART OF THE GROUP, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely San Francisco, with a blue overlay. The image shows a dense urban landscape with various buildings, including a prominent circular building in the center. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

Therefore, if you want to integrate yourself in a community,
you might as well start speaking their language- and that's
exactly what slang allows you to do.

And you can see the topic of my research work is:
“*Urban Dictionary: Relevance of Slang words*”. And as you
have understood, this work is absolutely based on my
personal experience.

THE AIM OF MY RESEARCH WORK IS FINDING OUT WHY SLANG WORDS ARE IMPORTANT FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING AND WHY YOU NEED TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING

THE OBJECT OF THE STUDY IS MODERN ENGLISH ITSELF

THE SUBJECT OF THE RESEARCH WORK IS MODERN SLANG AS A LINGUISTIC AND SOCIAL PHENOMENON

A dark, teal-tinted photograph of a group of people in a meeting or discussion. The image is partially obscured by text overlays. The people are engaged in conversation, with some gesturing with their hands. The background shows a window with a grid pattern.

Slang is casual spoken language, which differs from dialectical speech and jargon as well as formal speech.

Linguists have no simple and clear definition of slang, but agree that it is a constantly changing linguistic phenomenon present in every subculture worldwide.

In process of scrutiny of slang words I managed to identify four kinds of slang.

The first one is **evolving slang**.

Same slang words change their meaning overtime, usually across generations. This keeps the word in usage but can lead to some miscommunications between older and younger speakers.

Examples of evolving samples:

Ride: the verb for the act of being a passenger in a vehicle, this word also evolved into a noun to describe a car. Sometimes, «my rides» can mean sneakers. «I got new rides to match my favorite shirt! »

The second one is **portmanteau slang**.

They are very popular as a way to give a new name to a celebrity couple or a linguistic blend of words. For example: Brad Pitt and Angelina Joie were known as «*Brangelina*» when they were married.

Bromance: this combination of «brother» and «romance» describes an intense friendship between two straight men. «I have not seen Michael since he started to hanging out with Jeremy. Their bromance is epic! »

The third one is **territorial slang**.

English is spoken almost everywhere in the world. Despite the fact, that slang words are usually come out from United States, there are some slang words that are coming out from other countries.

For example:

The morning tea: British version of saying «morning snack»

Loonies and toonies: \$1 and \$2 coins in Canada

The fourth one is **modern slang** (teen slang).
This is that kind of slang I dedicated my work to

Teens in each generation develop a language of their own based on what is going on in teen culture. And the introduction of social media and digital communication means teen slang is evolving faster than ever.

EXAMPLES OF MS:

DOES THE TRICK: something can be better

THE TEA: when someone dishing or spilling «the tea» they are gossiping, particularly with the juiciest or most dramatic gossip

LOL: laughing out loud (firstly – an acronym for «lets order a linguini» , though it is an example of evolving slang)

NAILED IT: to prevail, to win, to triumph

BASIC: a put down to describing someone or something that is very common or conformist

By the way, I already mentioned the phrase “Urban Dictionary”. In such countries as US, Canada and United Kingdom this phrase is used to generalize slang words. So -

**URBAN
DICTIONARY =
SLANG**

While being on lessons at summer school in Canada I have noticed that some students were having more knowledge about slang than others.

For example, all students from Spain were using slang intensively while students from Russia and Italy have not used slang a lot.

I became interested on this topic and decided to do a survey with students from Russia and some other countries.

Luckily, I have contacts of my friends from all over the world and they are ready to help me. The questioning consists of **two parts. In the first part students have to give definitions to various slang words and phrases. In the second part students have to answer some questions about urban dictionary.**

STUDENTS FROM ITALY AND ME AT RECEES



there are some popular slang words, give the definition to them.

spill the tea - _____

lol - _____

savage - _____

GOAT - _____

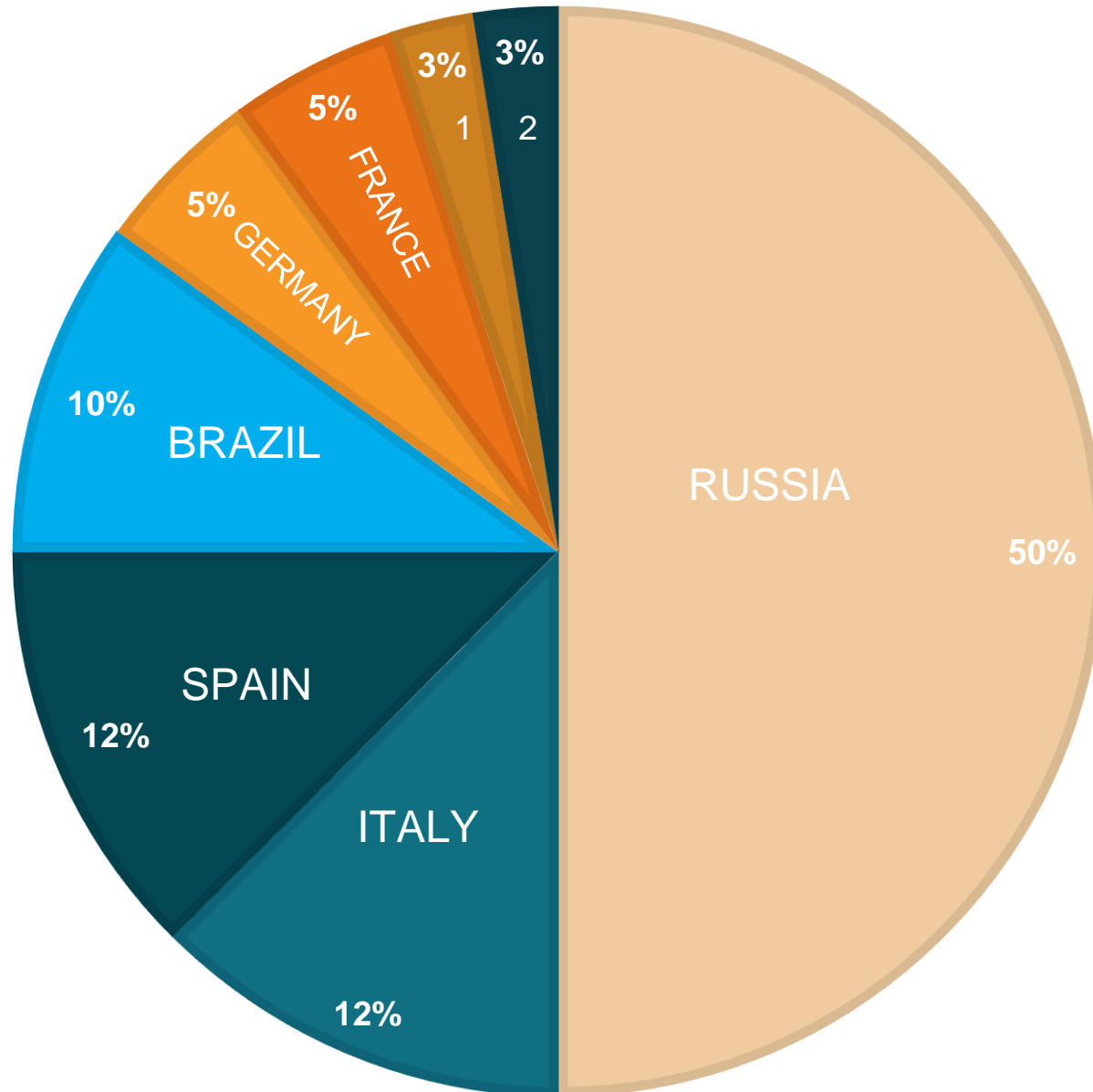
lit - _____

bromance - _____

what is urban dictionary? how will you define this phrase? write it on the back of the paper.

INVOLVED COUNTRIES AND AMOUNT OF STUDENTS FROM THEM

Russia Italy Spain Brazil Germany France Saudi Arabia Thailand



1 – SAUDI ARABIA
2 - THAILAND

Interesting to notice that the average number of right answers is ± 2.8 if we are speaking about Russian students and ± 3.3 if we are speaking about foreign countries students. All the details of my research work you can find in my work.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS –

2.8

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

STUDENTS – 3.3

The results showed us that we have to dedicate more time to slang words and urban dictionary.

Also in my research work I suggest different ways of learning slang:

My teacher from Canada Mahta said for me once that:

«READING BOOKS
AND WATCHING
NETFLIX ARE THE
BEST THINGS YOU
CAN DO TO IMPROVE
YOUR ENGLISH»



CONCLUSION



- **SCRUTINIZED INFORMATION ABOUT SLANG**
- **CLASSIFIED SLANG**
- **DISCLOSED INFORMATION ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF SLANG**
- **CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENT**
- **REVEALED STUDENTS KNOWLEDGE ON THIS TOPIC**
- **FOUND WAYS OF LEARNING SLANG**

Slang is just one of those aspects of language, which is not usually taught in the classroom but is an important part of becoming proficient in any language.

We should learn it, know the ways of learning it, understand it and use it in our own speech to be equal with native speakers. Besides, I want you to start learning some slang words right now and this list of the most essential ones will help you.

This is the end of my speech. If you have question you are welcome. Thank you!

Nikita Karatayskii
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DICTIONARY RELEVANCE OF SLANG WORDS

Slang words are defined as the words and phrases used informally in any languages. There is a list of some English slang words that are commonly used today for you to be aware of.

BOOMERS

A slang word for old people who hate Millennials and act politically correct to get back at them

GOAT

Greatest of all time

LOL

An abbreviation that stands for «laughing out loud»

THAT'S MOOD

A common phrase meaning that something is relatable

SAVAGE

Cool. Violent.

NAILED IT

To prevail, to win, to triumph

SPILL THE TEA

When one tells an especially juicy bit of gossip

One of the most exiting aspect of the English language is that it's constantly evolving. Educate yourself and leran more about slang with Urban dictionary app.
xo Nikita K.