Saint Petersburg, Russia
Very, Very Brief History:

• Founded on May 27th, 1703 by Peter the Great
• Named after St. Peter
• Built on a swamp
• Peter the Great wanted it to make it as “European” as possible
• Quickly became the capital of Russia and one of the main cities in Europe
• Neva River is the main river of Saint Petersburg
• Name was changed three times in the history (Petrograd and Leningrad were the two other names)
What’s so special?

- White nights: high-latitude position of the city
- 342 main bridges + 800 smaller bridges + 100 even smaller bridges
- 13 of them are drawbridges – raised each night in the summer to let ships enter Russia along the Neva River
- “Capital of Culture” – lots of museums, theatres, beautiful architecture
- Literature is a huge part of the city’s spirit
- Rain seasons... All year long
What’s not so special?

• There are 15 cities in the world that have the same name.
Vocabulary:

PRIVET
(ПРИВЕТ)

• “Hi”
• Casual, informal
Vocabulary:

КАК ДЕЛА?
(КАК ДЕЛА?)

• “How are you doing?”
• Only ask if you actually want to know...
Vocabulary:

GDE MOJNO KUPIT’ VODKU?
(ГДЕ МОЖНО КУПИТЬ ВОДКУ?)

• “Where can I buy vodka?”
• Useless question. Answer: everywhere.
Vocabulary:

TY VYIDESH ZA MENYA?
(ты выйдешь за меня?)

• “Will you marry me?”
• Only ask if you actually want to know...
SPASIBO!
(СПАСИБО!)

• “Thanks!”