Academic English 9 – Dialect Fun!

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Do you speak Pittsburghese?  Pittsburghese--the dialect and lingo spoken by native Pittsburghers.

"Listen, yinz, ta this story.  Last Mundy, when I got home from dahntahn Picksburg, I redded up the hahse, worshed the clothes and did the arning, n'at.  Then I decided ta take a break coz I was gettin' rilly hungry.  I looked ina fridge, but it needed stocked.  Alls I had was butterbread and leftover city chicken.  No jumbo, no chipped ham, no kolbassi. So I headed aht to the store.  I got me a buggy and picked up a hoagie, some pop and a duzn eggs in case I wanted dippy ones in the mornin'.  When I got back home, I headed aht to set by the crick ta eat in peace and quiet.  Just as I was gonna take a bite a my sammich, my nebby neighbor, Shurl, shows up, wantin' ta know how I been.  Whiles we're chattin', I see a grinny sneak up and start nibblin' on my mill.  I tried ta chase him, but the grass was slippy, and I fell in ta the jaggerbushes.  I never been so flustrated."

With a partner translate the paragraphs above into more proper English! Use the space provided below:

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**Places**

**Nore-syde**: North Side (where the city’s football and baseball stadiums, new casino, several museums, and science center are located)

[**Sahth-syde**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9g-gNz5WAk&feature=youtu.be): South Side (where you go to drink—period)

**Dahn-tahn**: Downtown (home to the city’s theaters and fancier restaurants)

**Gine Iggle**: Giant Eagle (chain grocery store that will most likely be in your neighborhood)

**Vocabulary**

**Yinz**: You all (Pittsburgh version of y’all)

**Chipped-chopped**: Thinly sliced deli meat (usually refers to Isley’s ham)

**Sweep**: To vacuum (confusing, I know)

**Nebby**: Nosy (noun form: **Neb-nose**)

**Underguchies**: Underwear

**Pop**: Soda (and we will die before calling it anything else)

[**Gumband**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX4t0www3n0&feature=youtu.be): Rubber band (unlike most of the words on this list, most native Pittsburghers will not know what the generally accepted synonym for this word is)

**Stillers**: Pittsburgh Steelers (our NFL team—to be safe, you should probably own one piece of team paraphernalia to prove you’re not a Browns fan)

**Bucs**: Pittsburgh Pirates (our admittedly terrible MLB team…but not rooting for them is a Burgher faux paus of infinite proportions)

**Pittsburgh Salad**: A salad with fries gloriously dumped on top of it

[**Worsh**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmkt8BigFJI&feature=youtu.be): To wash

**Phrases**

**Red Up**: To clean up or tidy up a room or one’s appearance.

[**N’at**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arWcVExX09E&feature=youtu.be): And that (used at the end of sentences to replace “and so on” and its counterparts)

**These ones/Those ones**: These/those (we know it’s grammatically incorrect, but grammar isn’t really important when it comes to talking like a native)

**Jeet Jet?:** Did you eat yet?