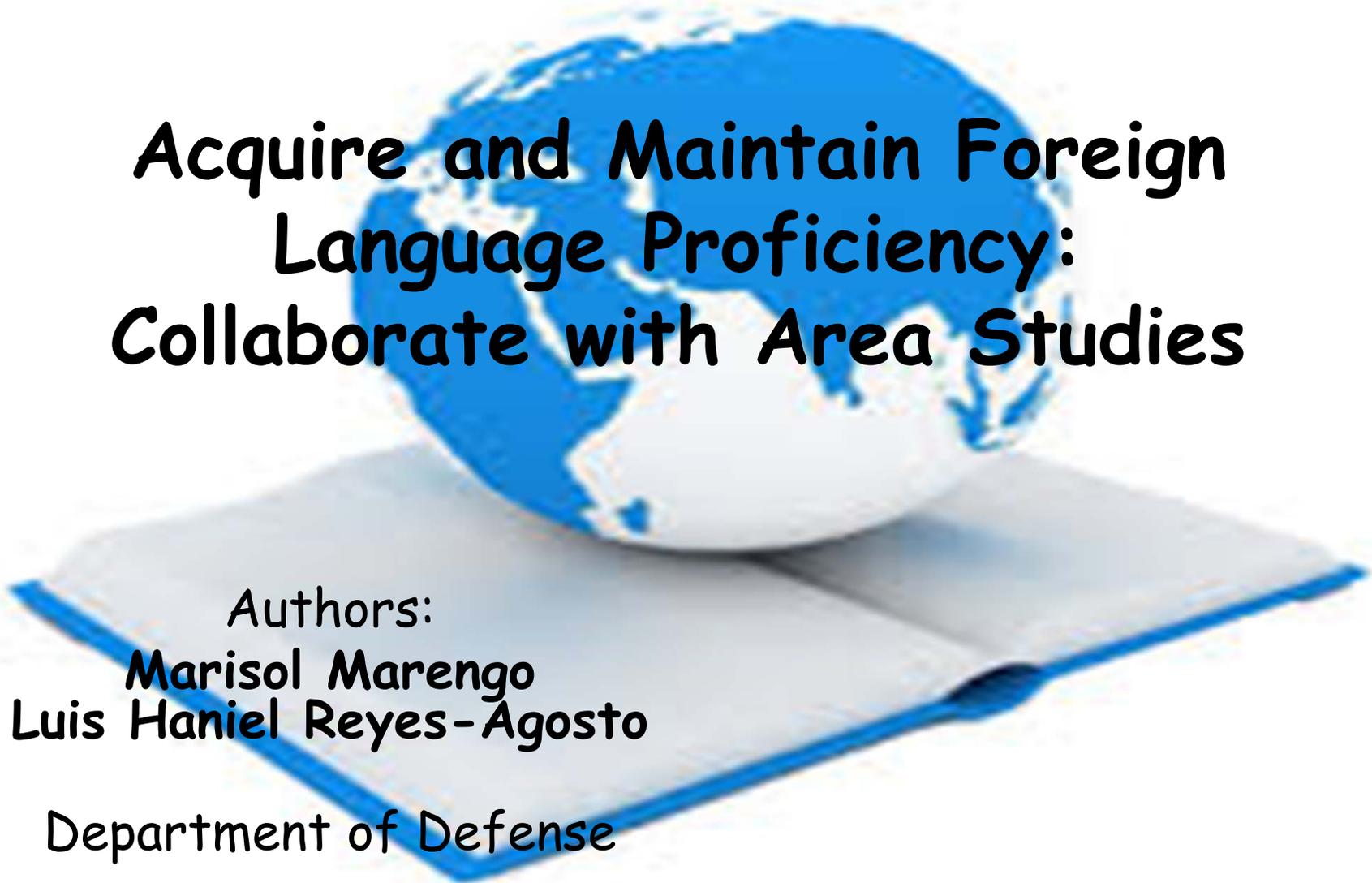


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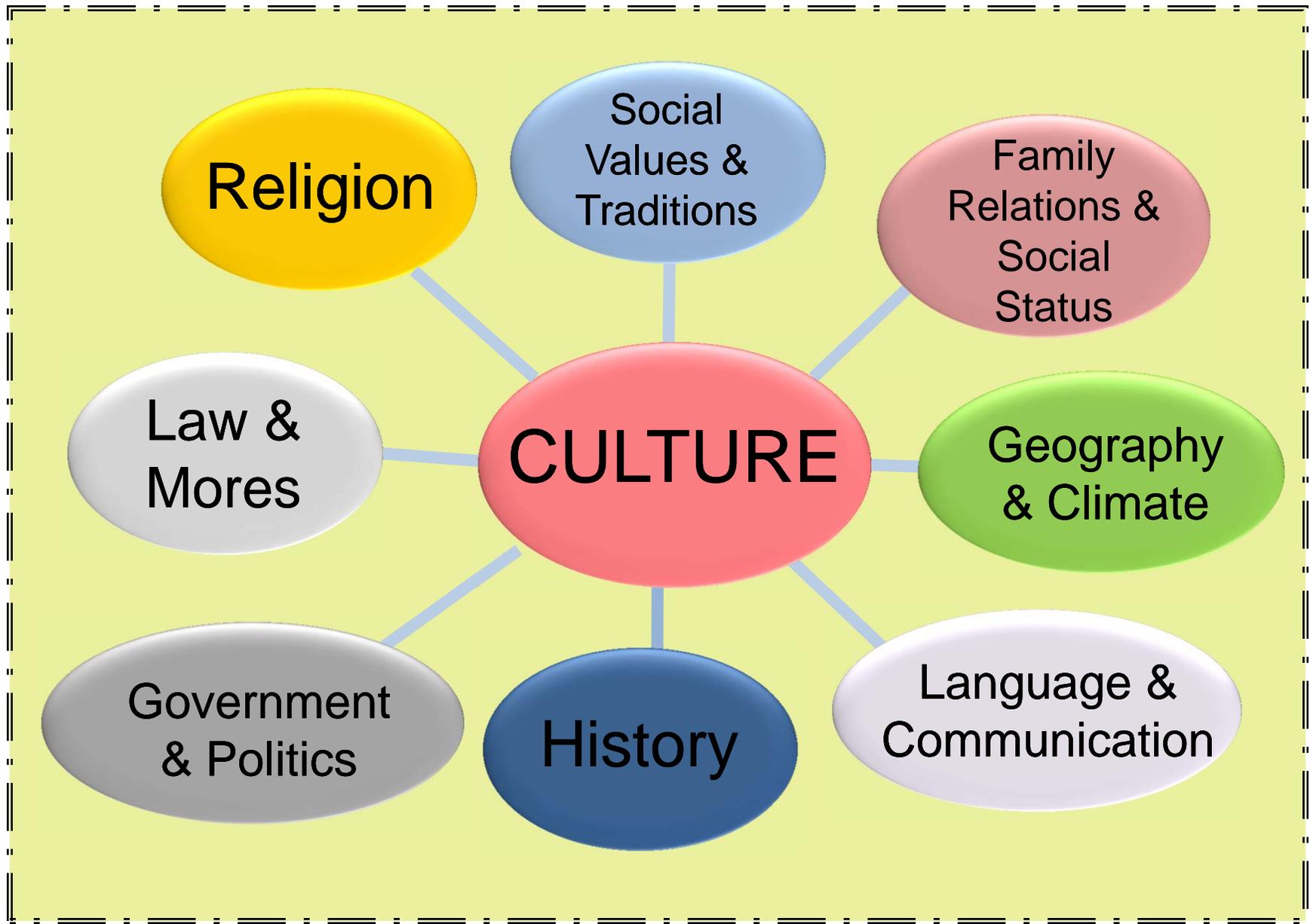
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*Join us:*

Help your students  
acquire and maintain  
foreign language skills.

## *What is Area Studies?*

- Regional and Cultural Studies
- NOT just "culture facts"
- Content and context:  
Geography, government &  
politics, economy, religion,  
regional issues.



**Religion**

**Social  
Values &  
Traditions**

**Family  
Relations &  
Social  
Status**

**Law &  
Mores**

**CULTURE**

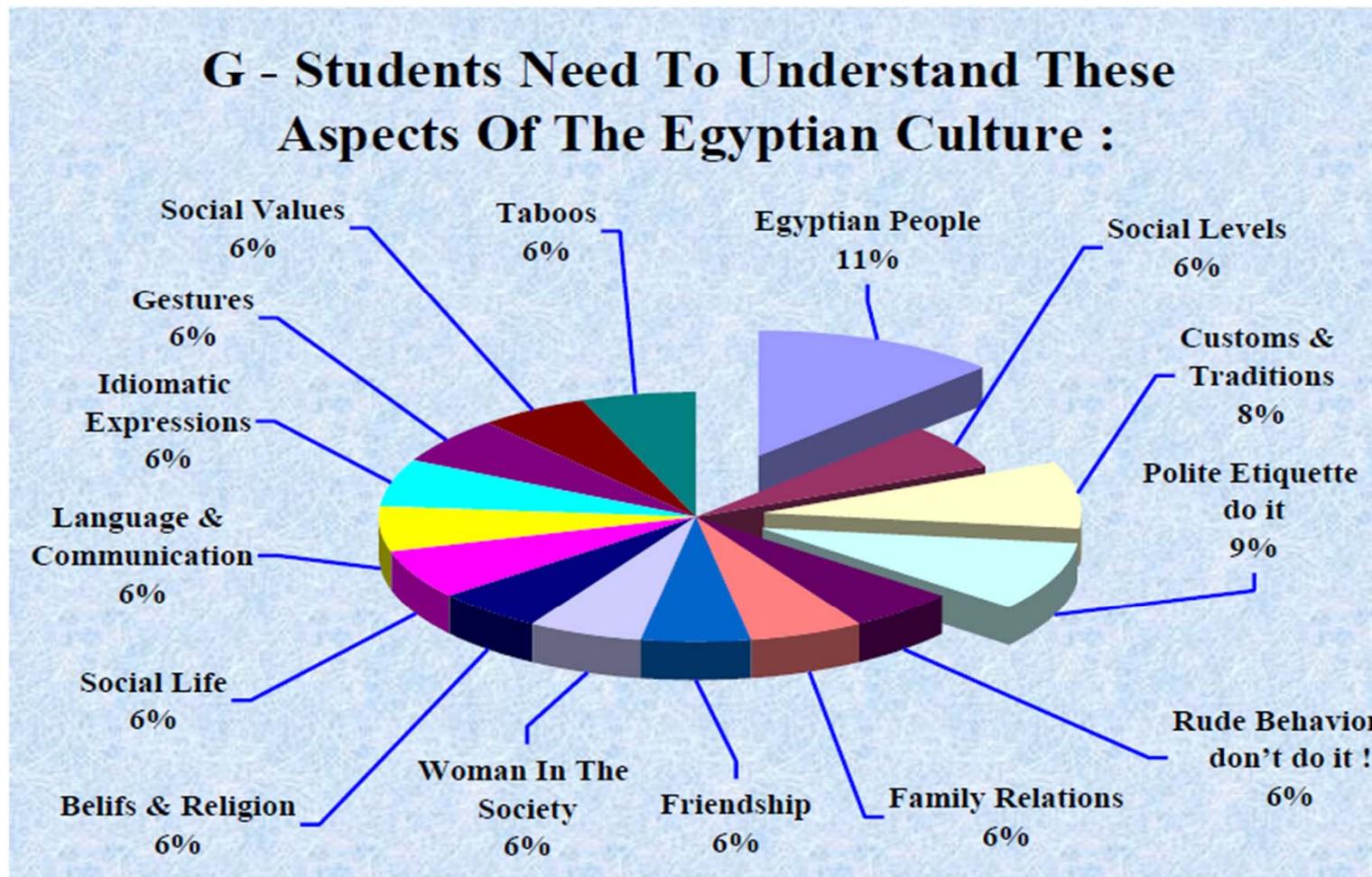
**Geography  
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**Government  
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**History**

**Language &  
Communication**

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*Learning:*

*Language with Area Studies*

- Sequenced Area Studies in the language curriculum
- Authentic materials as base of language topics

*Learning:*  
*Language with Area Studies*

- Students learn about real life in countries where their foreign language is spoken.
- They can understand how countries interact among themselves and with the US.

## *AREA courses:*

- Requirement driven
- In English and foreign language
- Generally at 3/3+
- Full day (one to three days)
- Authentic materials,  
interesting issues,  
real problems,  
subject matter expert

*Research has found:*

Students of foreign language who empathize with the culture of those who speak it, more often reach higher levels than those who do not.

Our Area Studies courses  
in foreign language are  
the best example of  
**content-based instruction.**

Effectively, they are  
**mini-immersions.**

## *At lower levels:*

- Choose an important, interesting current topic related to the country, e.g., cultural events, politics, cuisine, etc.
- Create a sequence of exercises, from readings to scenarios.

- Collaborate with your Regional and Cultural representative
- Contact us for further information

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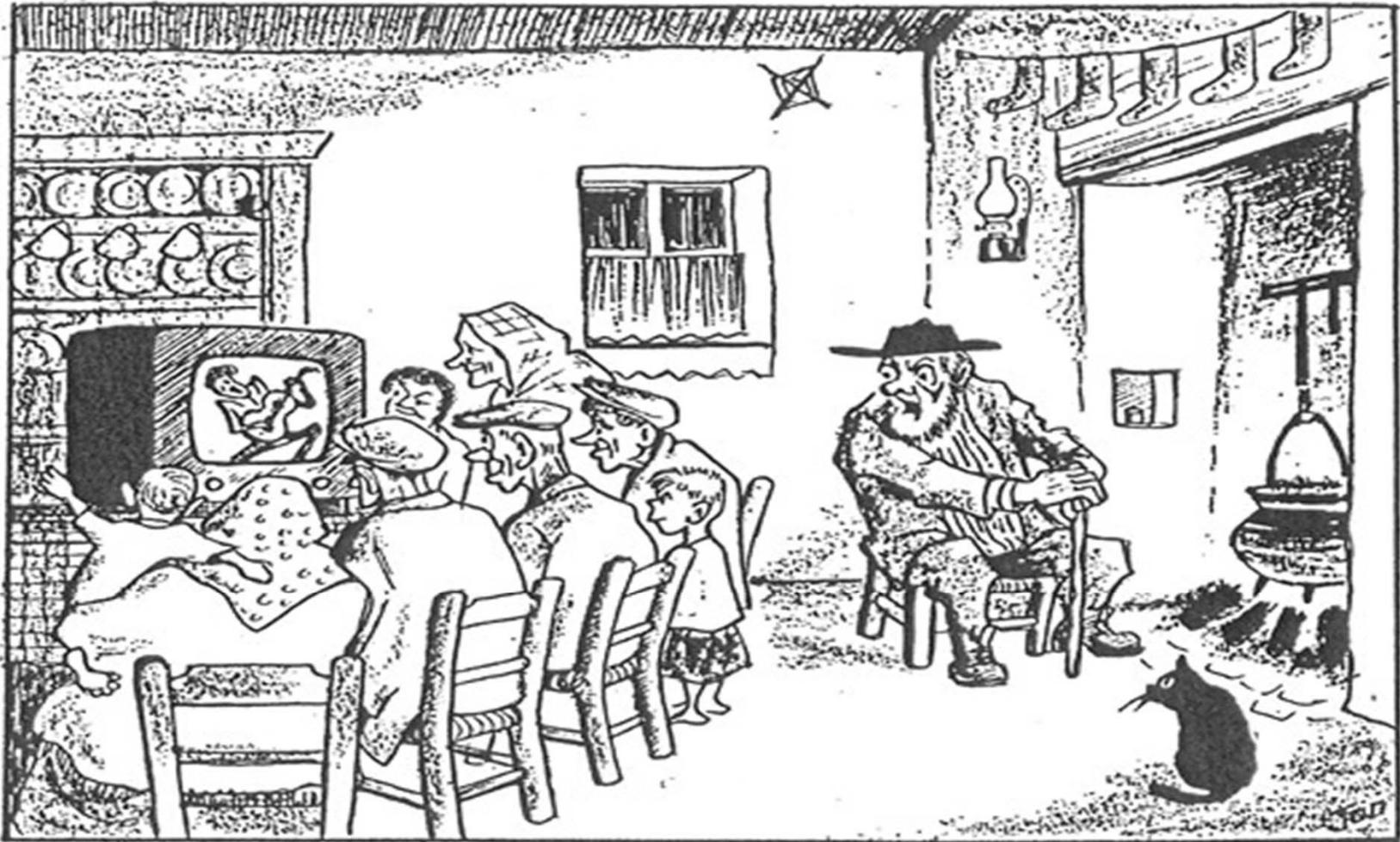
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There better be no questions



"Di fear ann fadó agus fadó a di—will ye listen to me?"



