PRACTICE

Read and listen. Choose the correct heading for each paragraph 1-4.

First impressions of Warsaw

Danny MacIntyre, from Scotland, came to Poland for the first time seven years ago. He now lives in Warsaw where he runs a small media company.

1 _____

You always remember your first impressions of a new country. When I first came to Warsaw, I didn't know much about Poland at all. I didn't know anything about the culture. I didn't think the food was going to be very exciting, and I expected the weather to be similar to Scotland – maybe even a bit colder! But when I got there, I discovered how wrong I was.

2 _____

It was summer, and it was hot! In fact, the temperature was over 30 degrees! My first impression was that Warsaw was more beautiful than I expected. I spent a lot of time just walking around looking at the incredible architecture. I felt that the city had a wonderful atmosphere and lots of energy.

3 _____

Polish people are very friendly. Most people can speak a bit of English and many speak it very well. I'm trying to learn Polish, but it's very difficult. Fortunately, people don't mind when I make mistakes! Polish people are very hospitable, and they love to socialize – get together, eat, drink, and talk. Parties often don't finish until early the next morning. I'm now married to a Polish woman. At our wedding, our guests didn't leave until 5.00 a.m. the next morning!

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4 _____

Poland is a great place to live. It has everything – friendly people; cheap travel; delicious food; the summers are hot; and there's great skiing in the winter. There are mountains, lakes, and beaches; beautiful cities and fascinating culture. I still love Scotland, but Poland feels like home now.

1. Paragraph 1
   - ◯ The Polish way of life
   - ◯ Feeling at home abroad
   - ◯ My first impressions
   - ◯ Not what I expected
2. Paragraph 2
   - ◯ The Polish way of life
   - ◯ Feeling at home abroad
   - ◯ My first impressions
   - ◯ Not what I expected
3. Paragraph 3
   - ◯ The Polish way of life
   - ◯ Feeling at home abroad
   - ◯ My first impressions
   - ◯ Not what I expected
4. Paragraph 4
   - ◯ The Polish way of life
   - ◯ Feeling at home abroad
   - ◯ My first impressions
   - ◯ Not what I expected

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2. Read the text again and choose the correct answer.

1. Before Danny went to Poland, he knew _____ about the country.
   - ◯ a lot
   - ◯ very little
   - ◯ quite a lot
2. The weather in Warsaw was _____ than he expected.
   - ◯ cooler
   - ◯ better
   - ◯ worse
3. He didn't expect Warsaw to be so _____.
   - ◯ noisy
   - ◯ beautiful
   - ◯ old
4. Danny speaks Polish _____.
   - ◯ fluently
   - ◯ very well
   - ◯ quite badly
5. He says Polish people love being _____.
   - ◯ at home
   - ◯ alone
   - ◯ in groups
6. After seven years in Poland, Danny _____.
   - ◯ would like to move house
   - ◯ wants to go back to Scotland
   - ◯ is happy to stay in Warsaw

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