First Impressions

1. Read the text match the headings A-D to the paragraphs.

A The Polish way of life
B Feeling at home abroad
C My first impressions
D Not what I expected

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.

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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 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 am trying to learn Polish, but it is 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 am now married to a Polish woman. At our wedding, our guests didn't leave until 5.00 a.m. the next morning!

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.

2. Complete the sentences with words from the box

atmosphere culture socializing fascinating hospitality impressions architecture expect

1 Danny's first _____ of Warsaw are very memorable.
2 Before he got to Poland, Danny didn't know much about Polish _____.
3 He didn't _____ the city to be so beautiful.
4 He was very impressed by the _____ in Warsaw.
5 He also liked the energy and _____ of the city.
6 The _____ of the Polish people is well known.
7 Polish people like _____ with their family and friends.
8 Danny finds the Polish culture _____.

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