

B2 First – Open cloze

For questions 1-8, read the text below and think of the word which fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Alaska: It's a State of Mind

One of the greatest things about Alaska is (1) _____ it takes the term casual to new heights. While the state has highly cultivated enclaves, (2) _____ as Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, and Juneau, the state capital (population 31,000), for the most part Alaskans are down-to-earth people. They're friendly bunch, more comfortable in Carhartts and cutoffs (3) _____ cashmere and corduroy. The arts thrive, not only in the larger cities (4) _____ also in the small towns. In their own strong spirited way.

Alaskans embrace their independence and refuse (5) _____ be stereotyped. They'll have a sold-out opera, but only half will dress (6) _____. There (7) _____ ultra-fancy restaurants, but they'll entertain kids with smiles on their faces. For visitors, this translates into a vacation completely devoid (8) _____ stress. Wear your evening gown if you like – it doesn't matter if it's to the local ballgame or burger joint. Anything goes.