



“ (...)Now, with only one lesson still ahead of me, **I can say I have had an experience of a lifetime.** My students and I quickly fell into a routine of learning as well as playing. Amid learning grammar and verb tenses we found time to play BINGO, talk about our weekends, and play Hangman (or schubinitza in Polish!) I taught them tongue twisters like “Sally sells seashells by the seashore” and they laughed as I tried in vain to pronounce various Polish words correctly. I told them about American foods besides the ubiquitous hamburger and French-fries, while they told me about the wonders of bigos, pierogi, and zurek. I soon learned the phrase “smachnego,” and used it often! My students expanded their vocabulary enormously—as well as learned to hold simple conversations in English—which is the most important thing when it comes to connecting with another culture.

Above all my students expressed an eagerness to learn about another language, and another culture. They learned from me, and I learned so much from them. I hope in the coming years they continue to use the English they first learned in my class, as well as expand their knowledge to become scholars of the world. **I’d like to say Dzienkuyeh to all that showed me the hospitality that Poland is so deservedly famous for. I will now return home and tell my parents, “I loved Poland!”**

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