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Polish City Keys

Directions: Read each city blurb carefully. Then answer the questions that follow to identify what makes each city unique.

Gdańsk: Gdańsk is a historic port city on the Baltic Sea known for its colorful waterfront buildings and long tradition of shipbuilding. It played an important role in trade during the Middle Ages and later became famous as the birthplace of the Solidarity movement. Visitors often explore its Old Town streets, rebuilt with great care after major wartime damage.

Poznań: Poznań is one of Poland's oldest cities and a major center for business, education, and cultural festivals. The city is known for its lively Old Market Square and the famous mechanical goats that appear daily on the town hall clock tower. Poznań is also recognized for its strong academic community and long history as a meeting place for different Polish tribes.

Wrocław: Wrocław sits on several islands connected by many bridges, giving it a distinctive layout that feels both modern and historic. The city is known for its unique dwarfs, small statues hidden across streets and corners that visitors love to search for. Wrocław's architecture reflects various time periods because the city has been influenced by different cultures throughout its past.

1. What natural feature helps make Gdańsk an important city?
2. What famous historic movement began in Gdańsk?
3. What playful feature draws visitors to Poznań's town hall each day?
4. What makes Poznań an important center for learning?
5. What geographic feature makes Wrocław's layout different from many other cities?
6. What small statues are Wrocław known for?
7. Choose one of the three cities and write one sentence describing why you would want to visit it.