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# COUNTRIES

Question: *What do you already know about Iceland?*



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



## Welcome to Iceland!

Welcome to my home, the second largest island in Europe, and one of the most (1)\_\_\_\_\_ places in the world.

Welcome to Iceland! The first people to live in Iceland arrived there from Northern Europe about 1,200 years ago. First

Norway and then Denmark (2)\_\_\_\_\_ Iceland for hundreds of years until its (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in 1918. At

one time it was one of the poorest countries in the world, but it is now one of the richest. Fishing is a very important part of

its (4)\_\_\_\_\_. The (5)\_\_\_\_\_ is only about 320,000 and most of its people speak a (6)\_\_\_\_\_

called Icelandic. Many Icelanders also speak English very well. Reykjavik, the (7)\_\_\_\_\_, is home to about two-

thirds of the people of Iceland, while about 19,000 people in the country are foreign workers. The (8)\_\_\_\_\_ is

cold. The July high temperature is usually only around 10 degrees Celsius, and in winter about 3 or 4 degrees below

zero. Iceland is (9)\_\_\_\_\_ its many beautiful (10)\_\_\_\_\_ – these are large (11)\_\_\_\_\_

of ice and snow that you can see in both summer and winter. There are also many active (12)\_\_\_\_\_, with the

last major eruption of fire and rocks and smoke in 2011. This is Iceland, my home!

(about 200 words)

- C** capital city *n.*
- climate *n.*
- controlled *v.*
- E** economy *n.*
- F** fascinating *adj.*
- G** glaciers *n.*
- I** independence *n.*
- K** known for *phr.*
- L** language *n.*
- M** mountains *n.*
- P** population *n.*
- V** volcanos *n.*

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### Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|-----------------|----------|--|
| 1. capital city | <u>H</u> | A. the usual weather of a place or country               |
| 2. climate      | _____    | B. the number of people who live in a place              |
| 3. economy      | _____    | C. famous for (something)                                |
| 4. fascinating  | _____    | D. the way things are made, sold and bought in a country |
| 5. population   | _____    | E. a very large area of ice                              |
| 6. glaciers     | _____    | F. a mountain with a hole on top that can explode        |
| 7. known for    | _____    | G. very interesting                                      |
| 8. volcano      | _____    | H. the city where a country's government is located      |

### How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. T The paragraph describes the country of Iceland.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The first people to live in Iceland lived there a few hundred years ago.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Iceland is a very poor country.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Fewer than a million people live in Iceland.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Many people in Iceland can speak at least two languages.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Iceland is not very warm in the summer.

### Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Would you like to visit Iceland? Why? / Why not?
2. Would you like to live in Iceland? Why? / Why not?
3. How is Iceland similar to – or different from – your country?
4. What other interesting countries do you know about?

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### Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

Welcome to my home, the second largest island in Europe, and one of the most fascinating places in the world. Welcome to Iceland! The first people to (1)\_\_\_\_\_ in Iceland arrived there from Northern Europe about 1,200 (2)\_\_\_\_\_. First Norway and then Denmark controlled Iceland for (3)\_\_\_\_\_ until its independence (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 1918. At one time it (5)\_\_\_\_\_ one of the poorest countries in the world, but it is now one of the richest. Fishing is a very important part of its economy. The population is only about 320,000 and most of its people (6)\_\_\_\_\_ a language called Icelandic. Many Icelanders also speak English very (7)\_\_\_\_\_. Reykjavik, the capital city, is home to about two-thirds of the people of Iceland, while about 19,000 people in the country are foreign (8)\_\_\_\_\_. The climate (9)\_\_\_\_\_. The July high temperature is usually only around 10 degrees Celsius, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ in winter about 3 or 4 degrees below zero. Iceland is known for its (11)\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful glaciers – these are large mountains of ice and snow that you can see in both summer and winter. (12)\_\_\_\_\_ also many active volcanos, with the last major eruption of fire and rocks and smoke in 2011. This is Iceland, my home!

1.

- (A) lived
- (B) live
- (C) living
- (D) lives

2.

- (A) years ago
- (B) before years
- (C) ago years
- (D) the years ago

3.

- (A) hundred year
- (B) hundreds of year
- (C) hundreds years
- (D) hundreds of years

4.

- (A) at
- (B) on
- (C) in
- (D) by

5.

- (A) was
- (B) is
- (C) were
- (D) did

6.

- (A) spoke
- (B) are speaking
- (C) speak
- (D) speaks

7.

- (A) better
- (B) best
- (C) good
- (D) well

8.

- (A) work
- (B) workers
- (C) works
- (D) working

9.

- (A) very cold
- (B) has cold
- (C) cold
- (D) is cold

10.

- (A) because
- (B) so
- (C) for example
- (D) and

11.

- (A) many
- (B) a few
- (C) much
- (D) a little

12.

- (A) There has
- (B) There are
- (C) There
- (D) There is

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### Writing Practice 1

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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Fishing is a very \_\_\_\_\_ of its \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ is only \_\_\_\_\_ 320,000 and \_\_\_\_\_ its people speak a language called Icelandic. Many Icelanders \_\_\_\_\_ very well. Reykjavik, the \_\_\_\_\_, is home to about two-thirds of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Iceland, while \_\_\_\_\_ 19,000 \_\_\_\_\_ in the country are \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ is cold. The July \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ only around 10 degrees Celsius, and in \_\_\_\_\_ about 3 or 4 degrees \_\_\_\_\_.

Iceland is \_\_\_\_\_ its many \_\_\_\_\_ glaciers – these are large \_\_\_\_\_ of ice \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_ in both summer \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ many active \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ major eruption of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in 2011. \_\_\_\_\_ Iceland, \_\_\_\_\_ home!

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## Writing Practice 2

- Don't look at the paragraph. **In your own words**, write what you can remember about Iceland. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.

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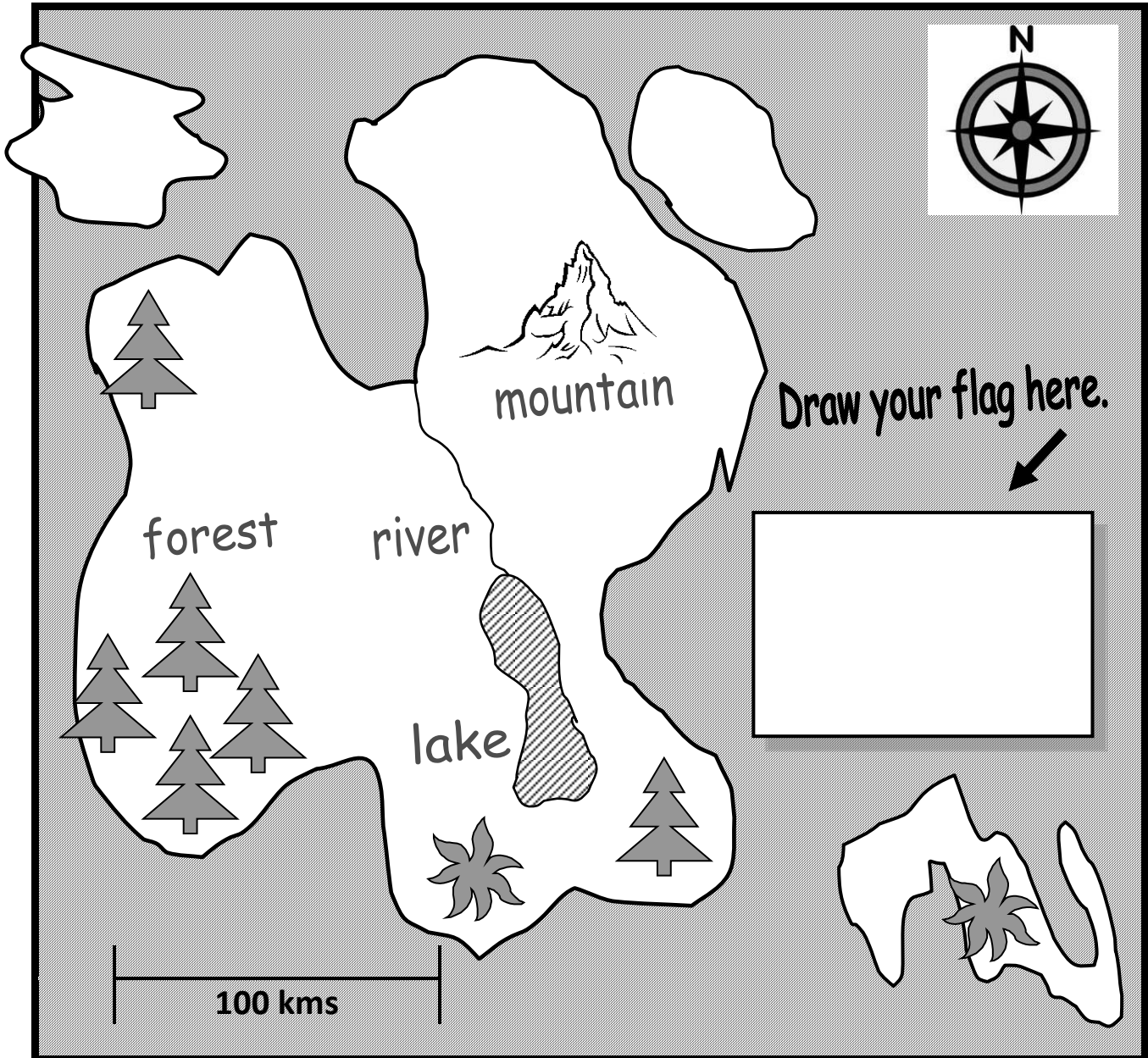
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# Make Your Own Country

- You and your classmates have discovered 4 small islands and you are going to make a new country. Discuss and answer the questions below.



1. Country name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Capital city: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Population: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Language(s): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where is your country located? Describe the climate and the economy.
6. Draw the location of the cities, towns, airports, bridges and roads on the map.
7. Draw the flag of your country. What special meaning does the flag have?
8. How will your country be special or different from other countries?



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## Writing Practice 3

- **Write a descriptive paragraph about your country.** What is the name of the country? Where is it located? What is the capital city? What is the population? What language(s) do the people there speak? Etc.

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**Grammar Focus** Past Simple Tense / Present Simple Tense

**Level** Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate

**Time** Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

### ANSWER KEY:

#### ● Complete the Paragraph

1. fascinating
2. controlled
3. independence
4. economy
5. population
6. language
7. capital city
8. climate
9. known for
10. glaciers
11. mountains
12. volcanos

#### ● Vocabulary Practice

1. H
2. A
3. D
4. G
5. B
6. E
7. C
8. F

#### ● How Much Do You Understand?

1. T
2. F (over a thousand years ago)
3. F (It is now a rich country.)
4. T
5. T
6. T

#### ● Grammar-in-Context

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. B
9. D
10. D
11. A
12. B

#### ● Homework Idea

Write a short descriptive paragraph about the country you and your classmates made (see attached handout). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

### EXPLORE on-line:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/topics/iceland/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iceland>

<http://www.iceland.is/>

[http://d-maps.com/pays.php?lib=iceland\\_maps&num\\_pay=199&lang=en](http://d-maps.com/pays.php?lib=iceland_maps&num_pay=199&lang=en)