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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!

- 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.*

(about 200 words)

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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.

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1.

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

5.

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

9.

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

2.

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

6.

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

10.

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

3.

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

7.

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

11.

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

4.

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

8.

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

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.

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 _____ to _____ _____ Iceland arrived there _____ Northern Europe _____ 1,200 _____ _____. First Norway and _____ Denmark _____ Iceland for _____ _____ until its independence _____ 1918. At one time it was _____ _____ the poorest countries _____ _____, but it is now _____ _____ _____.

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 _____ and _____ in 2011. _____ _____ Iceland, _____ home!

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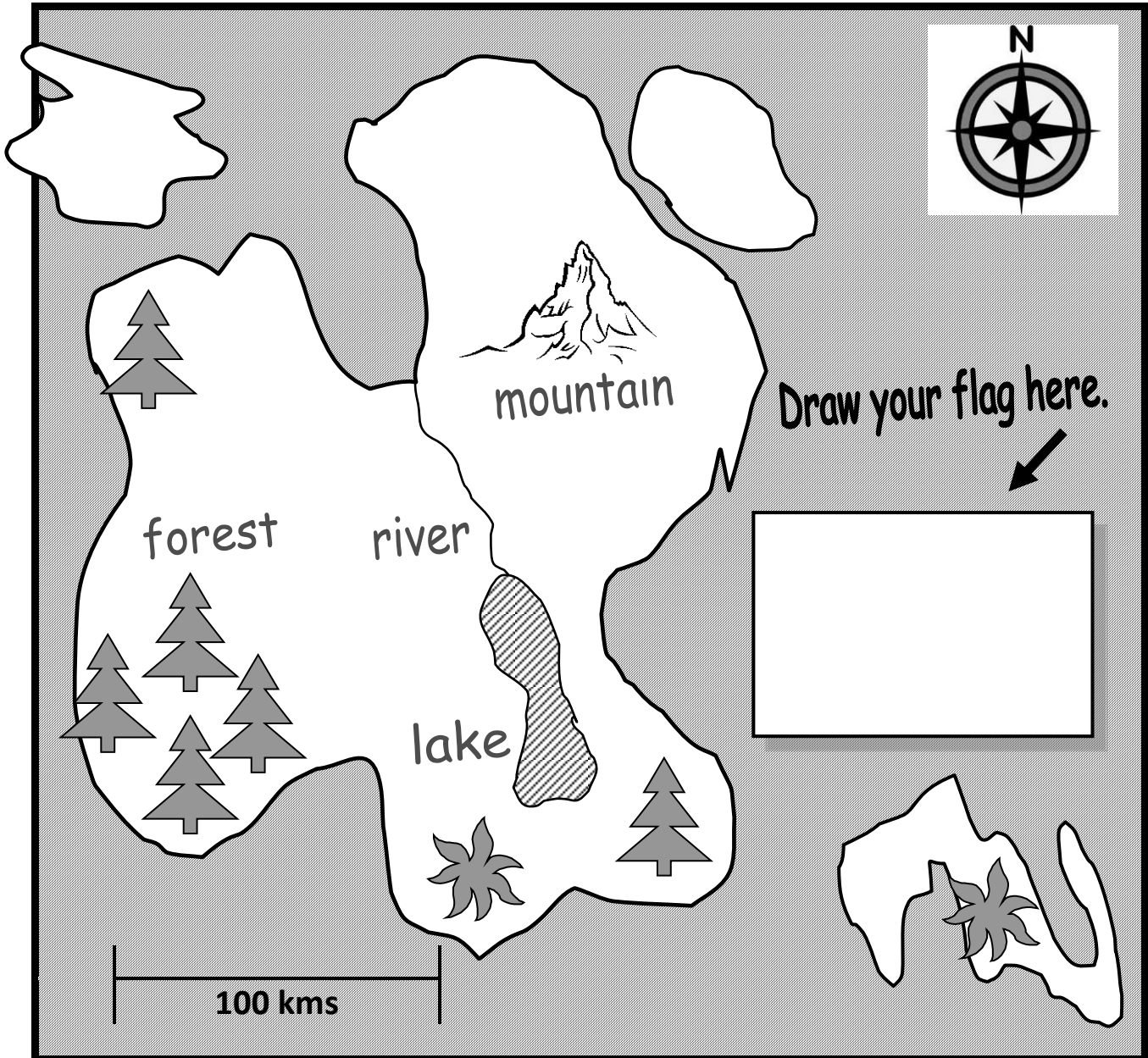


Writing Practice 2

- *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.*

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.

LESSON

Countries: Iceland

Language Focus Past Simple Tense / Present Simple Tense

Level Intermediate to Advanced

Time Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

ANSWER KEY:

● Complete the Paragraph

1. fascinating
2. controlled
3. independence
4. economy
5. Icelandic
6. capital city
7. foreign
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

THINK GREEN! Whenever possible, consider:

- double-sided photocopies
- having students share copies
- using an OHP or smartboard

● 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