

Exercise 1

Read the text about Iceland and answer the questions.

- Is Iceland a hot country?
- Why is it interesting for travellers?
- Why is Iceland called "the land of ice and fire"?
- What do many Icelanders believe in?
- What is the most unusual Christmas tradition in Iceland?
- What can you see if you travel there in the period from September to March?

Explore fantastic Iceland

Welcome to Iceland, a land of natural beauty and **fascinating** cultural traditions. Travellers call this country "the land of ice and fire" because 11% of the country is covered by **glaciers** and at the same time there are many **hot springs** with **boiling** water.

Many Icelanders believe in **elves and trolls** and are always ready to tell a story or two about them. They believe that there are different types of trolls - **huge** as a mountain and **tiny** as a mouse.

Another interesting tradition is that there are 13 Santas in Iceland, known as the **Yule Lads**, who visit children on the 13 nights before Christmas. Every night they bring sweets for

good children and **rotting potatoes** for bad children.

The climate in Iceland is very changeable. The weather can be **awful** in winter - **freezing** and rainy, especially during winter months and **excellent** in summer, with long warm days and a lot of sun.

If you go to Iceland in the period from September to March, you can see the **northern lights**. The dancing lines of colourful lights illuminate the night sky.

Come to Iceland to discover the beauty of this country, waterfalls and beaches with black sand and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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Exercise 2

Match the words in bold in the text with the pictures in exercise 1.

Exercise 3

Match the highlighted words from Exercise 1 with their synonyms.

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| 1. (very) bad | _____ | 2. (very) big | _____ |
| 3. (very) cold | _____ | 4. (very) | _____ |
| 5. (very) hot | _____ | good (x2) | _____ |
| 7. (very) interesting | _____ | 6. (very) small | _____ |