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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.**



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.*

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!

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