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COUNTRIES

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



- 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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