

The impact of digital technology on the Icelandic language

The Icelandic language

- has approximately **31** speakers
- has a **32** that is still growing
- has not changed a lot over the last thousand years
- has its own words for computer-based concepts, such as web browser and **33**

Young speakers

- are big users of digital technology, such as **34**
- are becoming **35** very quickly
- are having discussions using only English while they are in the **36** at school
- are better able to identify the content of a **37** in English than Icelandic

Technology and internet companies

- write very little in Icelandic because of the small number of speakers and because of how complicated its **38** is

The Icelandic government

- has set up a fund to support the production of more digital content in the language
- believes that Icelandic has a secure future
- is worried that young Icelanders may lose their **39** as Icelanders
- is worried about the consequences of children not being **40** in either Icelandic or English