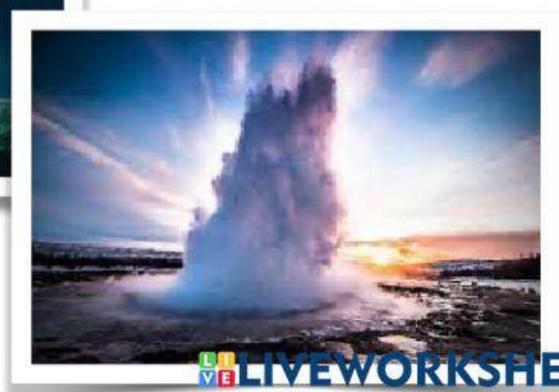


TRAVELLING

VISITING AN ISLAND

1. Do you know what country this is?
2. What can you see in the photos?
3. Looking at the pictures, what can you tell about this country?
4. Would you like to see any of the things shown in the pictures?





WELCOME TO ICELAND!

The land of Fire and Ice

- island - wyspa
- land - kraina, kraj
- population - liczba ludności, populacja
- natural wonder - cud natury
- unique - wyjątkowy

Iceland is the second largest island in Europe with the population of 350 000 people. The capital and the largest city is Reykjavik. Most of the people there speak a language called Icelandic, but many people can also speak English quite well. Iceland is full of unique natural features. Volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, fjords and waterfalls - around 2 million tourists visit Iceland every year to see those natural wonders.

1. Match the photos of natural wonders with their names



WATERFALL

GLACIER

NORTHERN LIGHTS

BLACK SAND BEACH

VOLCANO

GEYSER

ICE CAVE

HOT SPRING

MOSS

- hole - dziura
- downward - w dół, do dołu
- edge - krawędź
- steep - stromy

2. MATCH THE NAMES WITH THEIR DESCRIPTION

GLACIER	A MOUNTAIN THAT OPENS DOWNWARD TO A POOL OF MAGMA. A HOLE IN THE EARTH FROM WHICH LAVA AND GAS ERUPT
VOLCANO	COLOURFUL LIGHTS THAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE SKY AT NIGHT (AURORA BOREALIS)
MOSS	NATURAL POOL OF HOT WATER
GEYSER	PART OF A RIVER WHERE WATER FLOWS OVER THE EDGE OF A STEEP CLIFF AND FALLS INTO A POOL BELOW
WATERFALL	A BEACH THAT HAS NO YELLOW SAND
HOT SPRING	A MOUNTAIN OF SNOW AND ICE
NORTHERN LIGHTS	A NATURAL POOL OF HOT WATER THAT ERUPTS
ICE CAVE	SMALL PLANTS THAT GROW ON ROCKS AND TREES
BLACK SAND BEACH	A HOLE FORMED IN A GLACIER

3. Fill the gaps with words from exercise n. 2 and write the correct forms of the verbs in the brackets (be careful about the tenses!).

- to hope - mieć nadzieję

a. Mary _____ (go) to Iceland in 2010 and _____ (see) the eruption of a _____. She still _____ (remember) this wonderful trip.



b. Many people _____ (dream) of seeing _____ at least once in their life.



c. Adam _____ (drive) outside of Reykjavik and _____ (swim) in a big natural _____ last week. He _____ (love) it so much that he _____ (decided) to go again tomorrow!



d. Did you know that John _____ (climb) a _____ and _____ (explore) _____ right now?



e. Iceland _____ (have) many beautiful _____.



• to cover - przykryć, zajmować obszar
• daylight - światło dzienne
• rather - dosyć, całkiem

4. Listen to some fun facts about Iceland and write if the sentences are true or false.

- a. Iceland is not an island.
- b. Volcanic eruption in 2021 caused a lot of trouble all over Europe.
- c. In Iceland, more land is covered by glaciers than by trees.
- d. Reykjavik is the biggest city in Iceland.
- e. Summers in Iceland are very warm.
- f. Only 20% of the population lives in the capital.
- g. Moss in Iceland is white.
- h. There is no daylight at all on the 21st of December.
- i. Midnight sun happens during winter.
- j. The longest day in Iceland lasts 21 hours.

5. Write a postcard from Iceland. Tell your friend:

- where you are and for how long
- what did you see
- which places did you like the most
- three interesting facts about Iceland

Iceland is a unique country. It is a small island, but it has 9 active volcanos. A big one erupted in 2010 and it affected 20 countries and 10 million travellers. Another one erupted in March this year, but it was a small volcano and didn't cause any trouble. 11% of the land in Iceland is covered by glaciers. Only 1% of the land is covered by trees. Most of the population (about 60%) lives in the capital, Reykjavik. Iceland is a rather cold island. There is a lot of snow during winter, but during the summer everything is green, covered in moss. The temperatures are also rather low. Even in July the temperature is around 10C. During winter the nights are dark and long. The shortest day is on 21 of December and lasts only 4 hours. Can you imagine? Only 4 hours of daylight. But from the 21st of Dec until the 21rd of June the day gets longer by 3 minutes every day. On the 23rd of June **the sun** sets just after midnight and rises again right before 3 AM at night, with the sky never going completely dark. It is called the Midnight sun.