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| Iceland Exercises | about-the-world.org/3107 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (C) | Oceanic climate | (1) | mild winters, cool summers, influenced by Gulf Stream |
| (I) | Þjóðhátíð festival | (2) | Iceland formed from volcanic activity, unique landscapes |
| (M) | Parliamentary republic | (3) | Iceland’s government system since independence |
| (M) | Northern Lights | (4) | spectacular natural light display, visible in Iceland |
| (N) | Icelandic sagas | (5) | renewable energy source, prevalent in Iceland |
| (O) | Volcanic formation | (6) | ancient literary works, key part of Icelandic culture |
| (T) | Puffins | (7) | annual cultural event, attracts many visitors |
| (U) | Geothermal energy | (8) | distinctive seabirds, commonly found in Iceland |
| (Y) | Icelandic horses | (9) | unique breed, known for their strength and beauty |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, ... | (1) | ... unique geothermal energy sources. |
| (B) | Iceland is famous for its ... | (2) | ... is the world’s northernmost capital. |
| (E) | Volcanic activity crucially shaped ... | (3) | ... Iceland’s oceanic climate significantly. |
| (R) | The Northern Lights are a ... | (4) | ... attracts numerous cultural enthusiasts. |
| (T) | The Gulf Stream influences ... | (5) | ... Iceland’s distinctive landscapes. |
| (T) | Iceland’s Þjóðhátíð festival ... | (6) | ... spectacular sight in Iceland’s skies. |
| (Y) | Icelandic horses are renowned for ... | (7) | ... their strength and unique beauty. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What type of climate does Iceland have? |
| (R) | continental climate |
| (S) | oceanic climate |
| (V) | tropical climate |
| 2. | Where do most people in Iceland live? |
| (A) | along the coastlines |
| (O) | Reykjavik and surrounding areas |
| (S) | rural Iceland |
| 3. | What is Iceland’s capital city? |
| (C) | Reykjavik |
| (N) | Oslo |
| (R) | Copenhagen |
| 4. | Which animal is a common sight in Iceland? |
| (K) | puffins |
| (R) | camels |
| (V) | penguins |
| 5. | What is a significant feature of Iceland’s landscape? |
| (A) | extensive deserts |
| (E) | volcanoes |
| (S) | large forests |
| 6. | Which industry is vital to Iceland’s economy? |
| (R) | automobile manufacturing |
| (T) | fishing |
| (V) | textile production |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (C) | (V) | 1. Iceland was settled by Vikings in the 9th century. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Iceland has a tropical climate due to the Gulf Stream. |
| (R) | (M) | 3. The majority of Iceland’s population lives in rural areas. |
| (E) | (R) | 4. Iceland became independent from Denmark in 1944. |
| (R) | (T) | 5. Reykjavik is the northernmost capital city in the world. |
| (E) | (A) | 6. Iceland is famous for its large forests and woodland areas. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What makes Iceland’s location unique?

How does the Gulf Stream affect Iceland?

What is the significance of the Icelandic sagas?

Why are geysers important in Iceland?

What is the „Þjóðhátíð“ festival?

What role do puffins play in Iceland’s wildlife?

Why are Icelandic horses popular?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Iceland**

**Match terms**

Oceanic climate = mild winters, cool summers, influenced by Gulf Stream

Volcanic formation = Iceland formed from volcanic activity, unique landscapes

Parliamentary republic = Iceland’s government system since independence

Northern Lights = spectacular natural light display, visible in Iceland

Geothermal energy = renewable energy source, prevalent in Iceland

Icelandic sagas = ancient literary works, key part of Icelandic culture

Þjóðhátíð festival = annual cultural event, attracts many visitors

Puffins = distinctive seabirds, commonly found in Iceland

Icelandic horses = unique breed, known for their strength and beauty

Keyword: COMMUNITY

**Complete sentences**

Iceland is famous for its | unique geothermal energy sources.

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, | is the world’s northernmost capital.

The Gulf Stream influences | Iceland’s oceanic climate significantly.

Iceland’s Þjóðhátíð festival | attracts numerous cultural enthusiasts.

Volcanic activity crucially shaped | Iceland’s distinctive landscapes.

The Northern Lights are a | spectacular sight in Iceland’s skies.

Icelandic horses are renowned for | their strength and unique beauty.

Keyword: BATTERY

**Questions**

What type of climate does Iceland have?

oceanic climate

Where do most people in Iceland live?

Reykjavik and surrounding areas

What is Iceland’s capital city?

Reykjavik

Which animal is a common sight in Iceland?

puffins

What is a significant feature of Iceland’s landscape?

volcanoes

Which industry is vital to Iceland’s economy?

fishing

Keyword: SOCKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Iceland was settled by Vikings in the 9th century.

4. Iceland became independent from Denmark in 1944.

5. Reykjavik is the northernmost capital city in the world.

wrong

6. Iceland is famous for its large forests and woodland areas.

2. Iceland has a tropical climate due to the Gulf Stream.

3. The majority of Iceland’s population lives in rural areas.

Keyword: CAMERA

**Solution sheet 2**

**Iceland**

**Questions and answers**

What makes Iceland’s location unique?

Iceland is situated in the North Atlantic, known for its volcanic landscapes and proximity to the Arctic Circle.

How does the Gulf Stream affect Iceland?

The Gulf Stream brings milder temperatures to Iceland, contributing to its oceanic climate.

What is the significance of the Icelandic sagas?

The Icelandic sagas are ancient literary works that form a crucial part of Iceland’s cultural heritage.

Why are geysers important in Iceland?

Geysers are not only a major tourist attraction but also play a role in Iceland’s geothermal energy production.

What is the „Þjóðhátíð“ festival?

The „Þjóðhátíð“ festival is an annual cultural event in Iceland that celebrates Icelandic traditions and attracts many visitors.

What role do puffins play in Iceland’s wildlife?

Puffins are a distinctive part of Iceland’s wildlife, drawing birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts.

Why are Icelandic horses popular?

Icelandic horses are known for their strength, beauty, and unique gait, making them popular both in Iceland and internationally.