



1. Which author won the Nobel Prize in 1955?

Vigdís Grímsdóttir

Arnaldur Indriðason

Halldór Laxness

2. What song won the 2nd place in the Eurovision Song Contest 2009?

Is it true

It's my life

When you are near

3. Who sang for Iceland in the Eurovision songcontest 2009?

Ingibjörg

Johanna

Julia

1. Halldor Laxness

Halldor Laxness was born in 1902 and was the greatest Icelandic writer of the 20th century.

2. Is it true

The song Is it true was written by an Icelandic songwriter.

3. Johanna

Johanna released her first album when she was only 9 years old.



- 1. When did Iceland first take part in the Eurovision songcontest?**

1986

1977

1965

- 2. Where is the television show Lazy Town filmed?**

in Reykjavik

in Akureyri

in Gardabaer

- 3. How often has Iceland entered the Eurovision Song Contest?**

15 times

24 times

30 times

1. 1986

Iceland took part for the first time in 1986, but the song contest has taken place since 1956.

2. Lazy Town is filmed in Gardabaer.

Gardabaer is the town where Gardaskoli is located.

3. 24 times

Iceland has participated 24 times, but hasn't always made it through the semi-finals.



1. How old was the singer Bjork when she released her first album ?

18 years old

15 years old

12 years old

2. Which award did Bjork receive for her acting ?

the Best Actress Award

the Golden Globe Award

the Oscar

3. What bird did Bjork resemble at a film festival at her nomination ?

a stork

a swan

a raven

1. Bjork was 12 years old.

Her first album which she released at the age of 12 was called BJORK.

2. She received the Best Actress Award.

Bjork received the Best Actress Award at the Cannes Film Festival in the year 2000.

3. Her dress and purse were in the image of a white swan.

The swan dress was designed by the Macedonian designer Marjan Pejoski.



1. **What is the name of the film festival held in Reykjavik every year?**

RAFF

RIFF

RUFF

2. **What's the name of the music festival held annually in Reykjavik?**

Icelandic Airwaves

Icelandic Showcase

Icelandic Musicwaves

3. **What is the name of the film Bjork starred in?**

Dancing in the Street

Dancing on the Roof Tops

Dancer in the Dark

1. RIFF

It's an international film festival that lasts for 11 days and encourages young talents.

2. AIRWAVES

Iceland airwaves is an international music festival held in October.

3. Dancer in the Dark

Dancer in the Dark was directed by the Danish film director Lars Von Trier.



1. How many UNESCO sites does Iceland have?

- 4
- 6
- 8

2. Which of the following is Iceland NOT a part of?

- the United Nations (UN)*
- the European Union (EU)*
- the European Economic Area (EEA)*

3. What is Arnaldur Indridason famous for?

- playing basketball*
- writing criminal fiction*
- dancing ballet*

1. There are 4 UNESCO sites in Iceland.

The UNESCO sites are Thingvellir, Surtsey Island, Reykjavik city of literature and Katla geopark.

2. The European Union

Iceland has been a member of the United Nations since 1946.

3. He writes criminal fiction

Arnaldur Indridason's books have been translated into many languages.



1. Who gave the Peace Tower to Iceland and why?

Paul McCartney

Ringo Starr

Yoko Ono

2. When is Peace Tower active?

at Christmas time

always when it is dark enough

from October to December each year

3. Who designed the Nordic House in Reykjavik?

Alvar Aalto from Finland

Calatrava from Spain

Erro from Iceland

1. Yoko Ono

Yoko Ono gave it as a memorial of John Lennon her late husband.

2. It is lit from the 9th of October to the 8th of December

October 9th is the birth date of John Lennon and he died on 8th December.

3. Alvar Aalto

Alvar Aalto the famous Finnish architect also designed all the furniture inside the house.



1. Which museum is located in Gardabaer?

the National Museum

the Museum of Science

and technology

the Museum of Design and Applied Art

2. Which Icelandic film got an Oscar nomination in 1992?

Lazy Town

The Good Heart

Children of Nature

3. Who sang Gollum's song in the Lord of the Rings trilogy?

Bjork Gudmundsdottir

Emiliana Torrini

Shady Owens

1. The Museum of Design and Applied Art

The Museum of Design and Applied Art opened in 1998.

2. Children of Nature

Children of Nature was nominated for the Academy Award for Foreign Language Film.

3. Emiliana Torrini

Originally Gollum's song was to be performed by Bjork.



1. **What is the English name of the music hall in Reykjavik ?**

the Violin
the Viola
the Harp

2. **How often is the Reykjavik Art Festival held ?**

every year
every other year
every three years

3. **Which music festival is held in Reykjavik in late August ?**

Reykjavik's Classical Music Festival
Reykjavik's Jazz Festival
Reykjavik's Choir Festival

1. The Harp

Reykjavik Music Hall opened in 2011.

2. Every year

The Reykjavik Art Festival has become one of the highlights in Reykjavik's annual schedule.

3. Reykjavik Jazz Festival

Reykjavik Jazz Festival was first held in 1990.



1. **What is the name of the first in full length animated Icelandic movie?**

Valhalla

Odinn

Thor

2. **What is the name of the main character in Lazy Town?**

Sportacus

Apricus

Gymnasticus

3. **Erro is an Icelandic...**

musician

poet

painter

1. Thor

Thor was released in 2011.

2. Sportacus

Lazy Town is a TV show for children.

3. Painter

Erro is a well known painter who has lived in France for many years.



1. How do Icelanders celebrate the mid-winter feast Thorri?

they go dancing at midnight

they eat a selection of traditional Icelandic food

they have firework displays

2. What were traditional houses in Iceland made of?

turf

brick

stone

3. Name a well known Icelandic video game.

EVE online

EVE upline

EVE noline

1. They eat a selection of traditional Icelandic food.

The Thorri feast is named after the Nordic month Thorri (late January - late February).

2. They were made of turf.

Until the 20th century the vast majority of Icelanders lived in turf houses.

3. EVE online

The company CCP Games has its headquarters in Reykjavik.



1. **What's the name of the president of Iceland (2011)?**

Jon Gnarr

Tobias Gudmundsson

Olafur Ragnar Grimsson

2. **What year did Iceland gain independence?**

2005

1944

1916

3. **Where did the first settlers in Iceland come from?**

Norway and Ireland

Finland and Japan

USA and Canada

1. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson

Olafur Ragnar was first elected in 1996.

2. 1944

At that time Iceland was a part of Denmark.

3. Norway and Ireland

Norwegian vikings sailed to Iceland and took some slaves from Ireland with them.



1. Who gave Iceland its name?

Hrafna-Floki

Jon Jonsson

Oli Lokbra

2. Who is Vigdis Finnbogadottir?

a famous artist

the first female prime minister

of Iceland

the first democratically elected female president of the world

3. Who discovered America before Christopher Columbus?

Leifur the Lucky

Horrid Harry

Grumpy Gustav

1. Hrafna-Floki

Hrafna-Floki means Floki's ravens because he had three ravens with him which guided the way to Iceland.

2. The first democratically elected female president of the world

Vigdís was first elected in 1980 and reelected three times after that.

3. Leifur the Lucky

Leifur the lucky discovered America in 984 by accident when he lost his way at sea.



1. When did the Icelanders become Lutherans ?

1120

1550

1660

2. When did Gardabaer receive municipal rights ?

1966

1956

1976

3. What is the population of Iceland in 2011 ?

2 million inhabitants

880,000 inhabitants

320,000 inhabitants

1. 1550

In the year 1000 Icelanders became Christians and were part of the Catholic Church until 1550.

2. 1976

Gardabaer is the 6th largest town in Iceland.

3. 320,000 inhabitants

The Icelandic census goes back to the year 1703 and is the first census in the world.



1. What year was the sale of beer legalized in Iceland?

December 1st, 1960

March 1st, 1989

June 1st, 2001

2. When did Iceland become a member of the EEA?

1974

1984

1994

3. What do Icelanders celebrate on the 17th of June?

they celebrate their independance

they celebrate the president's

birthday

*they celebrate the longest day
of the year*

1. Beer was legalized in Iceland in 1989.

The sale of beer had been banned since 1935.

2. 1994

EEA stands for the European Economic Area.

3. We celebrate our independence.

17th June is the birthday of Jon Sigurdsson who fought for Iceland's independence.



1. **When did Reagan and Gorbachev meet in Iceland?**

1980

1982

1986

2. **When was the Icelandic Parliament founded?**

930

1130

1530

3. **Who was the last king of Iceland?**

King Edward IX

King Christian X of Denmark

King Fredrik of Denmark

1. 1986

2. 930

Althingi is one of the world's oldest parliaments.

3. King Christian X

Christin X was king of Iceland from 1918 to the independance in 1944.



1. **Where was the Icelandic Parliament originally founded?**

at Thingvellir
in Reykjavik
in Gardabaer

2. **What were the first representatives of Iceland's parliament called?**

Rouges
Mates
Chieftains

3. **When did Icelandic chieftains accept the rule of Norway?**

1462
1162
1262

1. At Thingvellir

The Parliament was moved to Reykjavik in 1844.

2. Chieftains

The Chieftains were the heads of the old Icelandic commonwealth.

3. 1262

Iceland was under Norwegian rule until 1380.



1. When did Iceland come under Danish rule?

1280

1380

1480

2. When did Denmark grant Icelanders homerule?

1774

1910

1874

3. When did Denmark recognize Iceland as a fully sovereign state?

1904

1918

1930

1. 1380

Iceland became a part of Denmark because the death of Olav IV extinguished the Norwegian male royal line.

2. 1874

Iceland's home rule was expanded in 1904.

3. 1918

Denmark represented Iceland's foreign affairs and defence matters until 1944.



1. When did British military invade Iceland ?

1925

1940

1945

2. Which country became responsible for Iceland's defence in 1941 ?

The United States of America

Denmark

The United Kingdom

3. When did Iceland become a member of NATO ?

1939

1949

1959

1. 1940

Allied occupation of Iceland lasted throughout World War II.

2. The United States of America

The USA naval station was closed down in 2006.

3. 1949

Iceland is the only NATO country with no standing military of its own.



1. **When did Iceland extend its fishing limits from 4 to 12 miles?**

1965

1955

1958

2. **Which country was Iceland fighting against in the Cod wars?**

Britain

Denmark

Norway

3. **When did the fourth and the last Cod war start?**

2003

1983

1975

1. 1958

A few years later Iceland extended its fishing limits to 50 miles.

2. Britain

The third Cod war lasted to 7 months.

3. 1975

The fourth cod war lasted for 7 months.



1. **When was the eruption in Heimaey, one of the Westman islands ?**

1983

1993

1973

2. **What was used to slow the hot lava flow in Heimaey ?**

Cold seawater

Cold air

Icebergs

3. **Which movie star had its home in the Westman islands ?**

Keiko the star of the movie Free Willy.

Beethoven the dog known from the Beethoven movies.

Flipper the dolphin the star of the movie Flipper.

1. 1973

About 5300 people were evacuated because of the eruption.

2. Cold seawater

Several pumps were used to slow or stop the lava flow.

3. Keiko the killer whale

Heimaey was home to Keiko in 1998.



1. Name a famous geothermal spa in Iceland.

The Blue Lagoon

The Green Lagoon

The Paradise Lagoon

2. Which of the following is not a part of the «Golden Circle»?

Thingvellir

Geysir

Lake Myvatn

3. What is the name of the capital of Iceland?

Akureyri

Gardabaer

Reykjavik

1. The Blue Lagoon

The Blue Lagoon is one of the most visited attractions in Iceland.

2. Lake Myvatn

The Golden Circle is Thingvellir, Gullfoss and Geysir.

3. Reykjavik

The population of Reykjavik was about a hundred and twenty thousand in 2011.



1. How many representatives are there in the Icelandic parliament?

83

73

63

2. What is the Icelandic parliament called?

Parthingi

Althingi

Samthingi

3. Does Iceland have a...?

president

king

queen

1. 63

2. **The name of the Icelandic parliament is Althingi.**

Althingi is the oldest surviving parliament in the world.

3. **Iceland has a president.**

The Icelandic president is elected every 4 years.



1. If you phone to Iceland, what is the area code?

354

543

345

2. When do children in Iceland start compulsory school?

at the age of 5

at the age of 7

at the age of 6

3. Name a well known landmark building in Reykjavik.

the Pearl

the Diamond

the Jewel

1. The area code for Iceland is 354.

2. They start at the age of 6.
Compulsory schooling is 10 years.

3. The Pearl
The Pearl is placed on top of hot water storage tanks.



1. **What day do most people celebrate Christmas in Iceland?**

December 24th

December 25th

January 6th

2. **What is special about Icelandic name traditions?**

everyone must have two names

everyone is called by his or her

first name

everyone has a nickname

3. **What is the name of the Icelandic currency?**

Icelandic Dollar

Icelandic Franc

Icelandic Krona

1. December 24th

Icelanders open their Christmas presents in the evening of 24th December.

2. Everyone is called by his/her first name.

3. Icelandic Krona

The word krona is related to the word «crown».



1. Which is Iceland's most important export?

wood

fish

oil

2. A milk product unique to Iceland is...

goat cheese

yogurt

skyr

3. A traditional Icelandic food is...

smoked lamb

smoked boar

smoked veal

1. Fish

Fish has been Iceland's most important export since settlement.

2. Skyr

Skyr has 2-3 times the protein count of standard yogurt.

3. Smoked lamb

Smoking is a traditional way of preserving food.



1. **What is the native language of Iceland ?**

Danish

Scandinavian

Icelandic

2. **What does the name Reykjavik mean ?**

smoky town

smoky city

smoky bay

3. **What does the colour blue in the Icelandic flag stand for ?**

mountains

the sea

the sky

1. Icelandic

Icelandic comes from old Norse.

2. Smoky bay

Reykjavik originally takes its name from the steam of hot springs in the area.

3. The sea

The Icelandic flag closely resembles the flags of the Scandinavian countries.



1. **What does the colour of red in the Icelandic flag stand for?**

the red in the Danish flag

the colour of sunset

the fire produced by volcanoes

2. **My father's name is Daniel, I'm a boy, what is my last name?**

Danielvic

Danielsson

Dansen

3. **Which season gives Iceland the name «land of the midnight sun»?**

autumn

winter

summer

1. The fire produced by volcanoes.

The colours in the Icelandic flag stand for ice, fire and ocean.

2. Danielsson

Boys' last names take the ending «son» and girls' the ending «dottir (daughter)».

3. Summer

The sun gives the upper part of the planet 20 hours of sunlight in the summer.



1. How many universities are there in Iceland ?

- 2
- 3
- 5

2. Name an annual public holiday in Iceland.

- the First Day of Summer*
- the First Day of Autumn*
- the First Day of Winter*

3. Which of the following cannot be found in Reykjavik ?

- horse riding clubs*
- a salmon river*
- the IKEA store in Iceland*

1. There are 5 universities in Iceland.

There are both public and private universities in Iceland.

2. The First Day of Summer.

This is from the Old Norse calendar and is celebrated on the first Thursday after April 18th.

3. The IKEA store in Iceland.

The major or his/her representative gets the chance to catch the first salmon.



1. Which is the average birth rate in Iceland?

1.2 children per mother

1.5 children per mother

2.1 children per mother

2. How many Santa Clauses are there in Iceland?

10

12

13

3. What are the Icelandic Santa Clauses called?

the Winter Guys

the Yule Lads

the Christmas Trolls

1. 2.1 children per mother

The average birth rate in Europe in 2011 was 1.5 children per mother.

2. There are 13 Santa Clauses.

The Yule Lad's Mum is called Gryla and she is a troll who eats naughty children.

3. The Yule Lads

The Yule Lads were originally a bunch of pranksters who lived in the mountains.



1. What marks the Icelandic Christmas season ?

*the ending of the school semester
and the start of a new one
the opening hours of the shops
in December and January
the coming of the first Yule Lad
and the leaving of the last*

2. How many days does the Icelandic Christmas season last ?

*10 days
17 days
26 days*

3. Where does the Yule Lads' Mum live ?

*in the mountains
by the sea
on a remote island*

- 1. The coming of the first Yule Lad and the leaving of the last one.**

The Yule Lads leave one by one from 25th December to of January.

- 2. 26 days**

The Yule Lad's Mum is called Gryla and she is a troll who eats naughty children.

- 3. In the mountains**



1. How big is Iceland ?

220.000 km²

103.000 km²

1.000.000 km²

2. What's the name of Europe's largest glacier ?

Eyjafjallajokull

Hofsjokull

Vatnajokull

3. What's the name of the biggest geyser in Europe ?

Geysir

Strokkur

Gryla

1. 103.000 square kilometres

2. Vatnajokull

Vatnajokull is 8.300 square kilometres.

3. Geysir

*Geysir, it can reach up to 80 metres,
The English words geyser comes
from this name.*



1. **What's the colour of the sandbeaches in Iceland?**

pink

white

black

2. **In what volcano is said to be the entrance to hell?**

Katla

Snaefellsjokull

Hekla

3. **What's the highest mountain in Iceland?**

Hvannadalshnjukur

Herdubreid

Kverkfjöll

1. It's black

It has tiny fragments of lava in it.

2. Snaefellsjokull, according to a Jules Vernes novel

3. Hvannadalshnjukur

Hvannadalshnjukur is 2109 m high.



1. How do we heat most houses in Iceland?

with electricity

with coal

with geothermal water

2. Which is the highest waterfall of Iceland?

Gullfoss

Glymur

Dettifoss

3. Which is the biggest island off the coast of Iceland?

Flatey

Videy

Heimaey

1. With geothermal water

Over 90 % of Icelandic houses are heated with geothermal water.

2. Glymur

Glymur is 190 metres high.

3. Heimaey

Heimaey is one of the Westman Islands, south of Iceland.



1. Which is the biggest sea mammal around Iceland?

- the blue whale*
- the killer whale*
- the razor back*

2. How many gaits does the Icelandic horse have?

- 6 different kinds*
- 5 different kinds*
- 4 different kinds*

3. Which wild animal is native to Iceland?

- the mink*
- the fox*
- the reindeer*

1. The Blue Whale

The Blue whale can reach 30 metres and weigh 180 metric tons or more.

2. 5 different gaits

The Icelandic horse has one extra gait called «The tolt».

3. The fox

The Arctic Fox was already in Iceland when the first settlers arrived.



1. How many glaciers are there in Iceland?

7 glaciers

10 glaciers

15 glaciers

2. Which is the longest river in Iceland?

Hvita

Svarta

Thjorsa

3. Which bird only hatches in Iceland and North America?

the red throated diver

the white winged flyer

the yellow swimmer

1. There are 7 glaciers in Iceland

The smallest glacier is only 160 km² and the largest is 8300 km².

2. Thjorsa

Thjorsa is 230 km long

3. The red throated diver

The red throated diver is protected by several international treaties.



1. Which is the most famous waterfall in Iceland?

Gullfoss

Godafoss

Haifoss

2. How many people live in igloos in Iceland?

about 50%

about 2%

nobody

3. Which two countries are the closest to Iceland?

England and Denmark

Greenland and Norway

Greenland and Denmark

1. Gullfoss

Gullfoss is a part of the golden circle in the south of Iceland.

2. Nobody

People have never lived in igloos in Iceland

3. Greenland and Norway

From Iceland to Greenland it is about 1450 km and from Iceland to Norway about 1750 km.



1. **What's the name of the volcano that erupted in 2010?**

Myrdalsjokull

Eyjafjallajokull

Hekla

2. **What's the name of the biggest lake in Iceland?**

Thingvallavatn

Thorisvatn

Skorradalsvatn

3. **What is the smallest bird of Iceland?**

the whimbrel

the redshank

the wren

1. Eyjafjallajokull

The eruption started in April and 20 countries had to close their airspace.

2. Thingvallavatn

Thingvallavatn 88 km².

3. The wren

The wren is about 12 cm long.



1. How many types of centipedes are there in Iceland?

5 types

7 types

9 types

2. What's the biggest fish around Iceland?

the basking shark

the tiger shark

the great white shark

3. How long is Route 1 that circles Iceland?

1225 km

2888 km

1336 km

1. There are 7 types

The colour of the centipedes is either yellow or copper.

2. Basking shark

The basking shark is the second largest fish in the world.

3. 1336 km

It opened in 1974.



1. **How often did Hekla volcano erupt in the 20th century?**

three times

once

five times

2. **What is the most common tree native to Iceland?**

the northern birch

the northern oak

the northern aspen

3. **How many known species of insects are there in Iceland?**

1300 species

2000 species

2300 species

1. Hekla erupted 5 times in the 20th century.

Hekla erupted in 1947, 1970, 1980, 1991 and 2000.

2. The northern birch

About three quarters of Iceland is barren of vegetation.

3. 1300 species

The number of insects in Iceland is rather low compared to other countries.



- 1. How many volcanoes erupted in Iceland between 1900 - 1998 ?**

five

seven

eleven

- 2. On average, how often does a volcano erupt in Iceland ?**

every 3 years

every 5 years

every 7 years

- 3. What are the mountains created under glaciers called ?**

bed mountains

floor mountains

table mountains

1. Eleven

Iceland is a home to more than 100 volcanoes.

2. Every 5 years

Many eruptions are subglacial.

3. Table mountains

The world's know subglacial eruptions are in Iceland



1. Which sport is compulsory in Icelandic schools?

basketball
football
swimming

2. Name a traditional Icelandic sport.

traditional wrestling
traditional fencing
traditional javeling

3. What is the English name for the local sportsclub in Gardabaer?

the Star
the Moon
the Sky

1. Swimming

Swimming is compulsory from the age of 6 to 16.

2. Traditional wrestling

Traditional wrestling is called glima in Icelandic.

3. The Star

The Star was founded in 1951.



1. **What are the colours of the local sports club in Gardabaer?**

blue and white
red and white
orange and white

2. **When did Iceland first have an Olympic medalist?**

1966
1976
1956

3. **What year was the World Championship in Chess held in Iceland?**

1972
1970
1974

1. Blue and white

A blue kit with a white star.

2. 1956

Mr Vilhjalmsson won a silver medal in the triple jump.

3. 1972

This has been called the Match of the Century.



1. In which Olympic sport did Iceland win a bronze medal in 1984?

karate

judo

boxing

2. Which sport do most Icelanders practice?

football

handball

basketball

3. Why are there so many public outdoor swimming pools in Iceland?

because Iceland is an island

because there is plenty of cheap

geothermal water

there are so few bathrooms

in Icelandic houses

1. Judo

Bjarni Fridriksson won a bronze medal at the Olympics in Los Angeles.

2. Football

3. Because there is plenty of cheap geothermal water.



- 1. In which Olympic sport did Iceland win a bronze medal in 2000 ?**

pole vault

wrestling

swimming

- 2. Which computer game do most computer owners play ?**

Solitaire

World of Warcraft

Eve Online

- 3. How many golf courses were there in Iceland in 2011 ?**

25

35

45

1. Pole vault

Vala Flosadottir, won a bronze medal at the Olympics in Sydney.

2. Solitaire

3. There were 45 golf courses

Playing golf is one of the most popular public sports in Iceland.



1. **Halldor Helgason is a widely known as...**

racing driver

skater

snowboarder

2. **Gunnar Huseby was Iceland's first...**

world champion

Scandinavian champion

European champion

3. **Petur Gudmundsson was the first Icelander to play...**

in the Canadian national

Ice-hockey team

in the African national football league

in the American NBA basketball league

1. Snowboarder

He won a gold in snowboarding at the 2010 Winter X Games.

2. European champion

Gunnar Huseby was a European champion in shot put 1946.

3. In the NBA basketball league.



- 1. When did Iceland win the world championship in Bridge?**

1981

1991

2001

- 2. Which Icelandic football player played with FC Barcelona?**

Mr Sigurvinsson

Mr Gudmundsson

Mr Gudjonssen

- 3. Iceland won the European championship in team gymnastics in...**

2010

2007

2005

1. 1991

The winners are awarded the Bermuda bowl.

2. Mr Gudjonssen

Mr Gudjonssen also played for Bolton Wanderers and FC Chelsea.

3. 2010



- 1. Who was chosen the player of the year in the Bundesliga in 1984?**

Mr Gudjonssen

Mr Sigurvinsson

Mr Gudmundsson

- 2. When did Iceland first take part in the Special Olympics?**

1980

1985

1990

- 3. In which sport has Iceland done best at the Special Olympics?**

in horse-back riding

in swimming

in wrestling

1. Mr Sigurvinsson

2. 1980

3. In swimming

