

Reading Unit 4

Basic ★

A country of extremes



Iceland is an island in the Arctic region. It is the most western country in Europe. In winter, it is always cold and dark. In summer, it is light all day!

Iceland is a beautiful country. It is sometimes called the Land of Fire and Ice. Naturally, it's icy, but there are also amazing waterfalls and volcanoes. The best way to see it is by helicopter. It's expensive, but the views are incredible.

The capital of Iceland is Reykjavík. It is the most northern capital city in the world. It's an interesting and exciting city.

The fastest way to get to Iceland is by plane. The journey takes three hours from London. Why don't you visit?

3 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Iceland is in the **Arctic / Antarctic**.
- 2 It's better to see the waterfalls and volcanoes by helicopter because **it's much safer / the views are incredible**.
- 3 Reykjavík is a(n) **boring / exciting** city.
- 4 It takes **three / four** hours to fly to Iceland from London.

4 Complete the sentences with the underlined words from the text.

- 1 A _____ is a stream of water that flows from a height.
- 2 Mount Vesuvius and Mount Teide are famous _____.
- 3 The _____ across the Atlantic Ocean by boat takes three and a half days.
- 4 When it is sunny, there is a lot of _____.
- 5 At night, it is usually _____.

1 Read the text. Choose the correct option.

Iceland is in the **north and west / south and east** of Europe.

2 Read the text again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Iceland is not in Asia. ____
- 2 In winter, it is light for 24 hours a day. ____
- 3 It isn't cheap to see the volcanoes from a helicopter. ____
- 4 Reykjavík is the most southern capital city in the world. ____
- 5 The fastest way get to Iceland is to fly. ____