



Belching Volcano and Flowing Lava Dent Tourism in Icelandic Region (C1 - Advanced)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do earthquakes occur in your country?
2. If so, which ones have been the most destructive? Have you ever experienced one?
3. Are there any active volcanoes in your country?
4. If so, where are they? Have you ever seen an eruption? Have eruptions ever affected tourism?

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and write T (true) or F (false).

1. The volcanos in the Reykjanes Peninsular last erupted hundreds of years ago.
2. The eruptions and earthquakes in the peninsular began again about three years ago.
3. The evacuation of Grindavik in November 2023 had a limited impact on tourism.
4. The Icelandic Tourism Board didn't warn visitors to stay away.
5. Birgir Jonsson of the low-cost airline Play said in his opinion Iceland was ruined.
6. The Blue Lagoon resort and some hotels in the area have had to close a few times.
7. The Blue Lagoon attracts a large number of tourists from the USA.
8. Since January, the situation has improved for businesses in the peninsula.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What do tourists go to the Blue Lagoon resort for?
2. What casualties and damage have been caused by volcanic activity in the peninsular?
3. Who did airline officials and the Tourist Board director blame for the drop in bookings? Why?
4. What work has been done in the peninsular to try to stop the flow of lava?
5. Why is it ironic that the Blue Lagoon is being threatened by the volcanic system?
6. Why does Fridrik Einarsson see his relationship with volcanoes as contradictory?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.).

1. The largest _____ in the world is Victoria Falls, on the Zambezi River in southern Africa.
2. Pack some warm clothes. There's going to be a sudden _____ in temperature on Sunday.
3. When we went to the coast, the children always _____ in the sea, whatever the weather.
4. There are no hotels on the island, just a couple of _____.
5. James is always in debt. He _____ all his friends money.
6. The winter sales start after Christmas and people _____ to them hoping to get a bargain.

E – Ready for the C1 ADVANCED English Test? (Reading and Use of English, Part 4)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between 3 and 6 words including the word given.

Example: The resort had to evacuate its guests when lava burst from a nearby crater.

FORCING Lava burst from a nearby crater, *forcing the resort to evacuate* its guests.

1. The Blue Lagoon consists of steaming pools with dark rocks all around them.

BY The Blue Lagoon is a network of _____ dark rocks.

2. The volcano system hadn't erupted since the 1200s.

DORMANT The Volcano system _____ eight hundred years.

3. Iceland needs a lot of visitors to support its economy.

HEAVILY Iceland has an economy _____ on visitors.

4. The tourism board denied that visitors were directly threatened by the eruptions.

REPRESENT The tourism board said the eruptions did not _____ visitors.

5. The website claims the spa is visited by many thousands of people every year.

TO Every year, _____, many thousands of people visit the spa.

6. The resort exists because of the geothermal energy from the volcanic system.

OWES The resort _____ geothermal energy from the volcanic system.

F – Write about it

Write about a natural disaster in your country. Include information about:

- when/where it happened;
 - what caused it;
 - what the consequences were (casualties, damage, disruption, etc.)
 - what (if anything) could be done to prevent or mitigate similar events in the future.
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1. T 2. T 3. F – It had a significant negative impact on tourism. 4. T 5. F – He said it looked like that in the international press. 6. T 7. T 8. F – Tourism demand has gone up in Iceland but the situation has not improved for businesses in the peninsular.

C – Read and answer

1. They go there to dip in the pools of geothermal water and to have spa treatments. 2. There has been one death and the destruction of some houses. 3. They blamed the news media because they claimed they were engaging in alarmism. 4. Protection walls have been built. 5. The same volcanic system that provides the geothermal energy which heats up the resort's waters is now threatening to destroy it. 6. He describes it as a love-hate situation because he thinks it's magnificent to see a volcano erupting, and volcanoes provide his living, but now they are ruining his business.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. waterfall 2. drop 3. dipped 4. inns 5. owes 6. flock

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1. steaming pools surrounded by 2. had been dormant for 3. that/which relies/depends heavily (or: that/which is heavily reliant/ dependent) 4. represent a direct threat to 5. according to the website 6. owes its existence to the