

*Perspective on the Usage of Icelandic and English in Iceland*

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Icelandic is a language spoken in Iceland by roughly 330,000 people. It is derived from Old Norse, meaning that a fluent Icelandic speaker could understand almost all of the texts presented in the Viking Saga. The language is gaining speakers and influence worldwide, which is amazing, given its size. The accent and dialects of Icelandic vary only slightly, so that anyone learning one can easily understand anyone from any part of the country. In other nations, languages of this size can still have varying degrees of mutual intelligibility. English, even though taught and spoken throughout the country, takes a lesser role than the Icelandic language.

Icelandic speakers produce a plethora of music, slang, media, literature, and many other items, despite the relatively small national population. The presence of Icelandic media online is also extensive, as even though most websites and social media platforms do not have the ability to translate the interface into Icelandic, users still communicate primarily in the language on these apps. Even when new slang terms become popular from languages such as English, suffixes and accent marks based on Icelandic grammar rules transform these words into a new Icelandic form.