# **Icelandic Cheatsheet**

### Overview

Icelandic is a North Germanic language spoken by over 350,000 people in Iceland and by Icelandic communities in other countries.

# **Alphabet**

The Icelandic alphabet consists of 32 letters, including the following additional letters:

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• á, ð, é, í, ó, ú, ý, and þ.
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### **Pronunciation**

- 11 is pronounced as a voiceless lateral fricative, similar to the Welsh "II".
- ō is pronounced as the "th" in "this".
- p is pronounced as the "th" in "thin".
- au is pronounced as the "oi" in "boil".
- ei is pronounced as the "ay" in "say".
- ey is pronounced as the "ey" in "hey".
- j is pronounced as the "y" in "yes".
- ö is pronounced as the "u" in "hurt".

### **Grammar**

- Icelandic uses the Latin alphabet and is written from left to right.
- Nouns have gender (masculine, feminine, or neuter) and can be either singular or plural.
- Verbs are inflected for tense, aspect, and mood.
- Word order in Icelandic sentences is typically subject-verb-object.

## **Examples**

- Góðan daginn! : Hello! (formal)
- Hvernig hefurðu það? : How are you?
- Ég tala ekki íslensku. : I don't speak Icelandic.
- Bless! : Goodbye!
- Eitt kaffi, takk. : A coffee, please.
- Ég elska þig. : Hove you.

#### Resources

- Icelandic Online
- Icelandic Grammar Forum
- Icelandic Dictionary