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Velkomin til Íslands!

Welcome to Iceland!

In this lesson you will learn about:

- singular nominative nouns, pronouns and articles
- gender
- greetings and courtesies
- word order: questions and answers
- **vera/heita** in singular present
- present continuous ('-ing')
- Icelandic names

Dialogue 1



Á flugstöð Leifs Eiríkssonar

Joyce Williams has just arrived at the airport to visit Iceland for the first time. She is looking for information on how to get to her hotel. Can you tell: Where Joyce's hotel is? Where the bus stops?

JOYCE: Góðan daginn.

JÓN: Góðan dag.

JOYCE: Fyrirgefðu, getur þú sagt mér hvar Hótel Ísland er?

JÓN: Hótel Ísland er í Reykjavík.

JOYCE: Er þetta ekki Reykjavík?

JÓN: Nei, flugstöðin er í Keflavík, en það er rúta sem fer til Reykjavíkur. Hún kemur við á Hótel Íslandi. Rútan stoppar hérna rétt fyrir utan.

JOYCE: Þakka þér kærlega fyrir. Ég heiti Joyce Williams.

JÓN: Jón Einarsson heiti ég. Velkomin til Íslands! Hvaðan ert þú?

JOYCE: Ég er Englendingur.

JÓN: En þú talar íslensku!

JOYCE: Svólítið, ég er að læra íslensku. Jæja, takk fyrir hjálpina.

JÓN: Það var ekkert. Vertu blessuð.

JOYCE: Blessaður.

At the Leif Eiriksson airport terminal

JOYCE: *Good afternoon.*

JÓN: *Good afternoon.*

JOYCE: *Excuse me, can you tell me where Hotel Ísland is?*

JÓN: *Hotel Ísland is in Reykjavík.*

JOYCE: *Is this not Reykjavík?*

JÓN: *No, the airport is in Keflavík, but there is a coach that goes to Reykjavík. It stops at Hotel Ísland. The coach stops right outside here.*

JOYCE: *Thank you very much. My name is Joyce Williams.*

JÓN: *Jón Einarsson is my name. Welcome to Iceland! Where are you from?*

JOYCE: *I am English.*

JÓN: *But you speak Icelandic!*

JOYCE: *A little. I am learning Icelandic. Well, thanks for your help.*

JÓN: *Not at all Goodbye.*

JOYCE: *Goodbye.*

Vocabulary notes

flugstöð Leifs	airport terminal	hún	she (here referring to the coach)
Eirikssonar	Leif Eiríksson (the main terminal at Keflavík Inter national Airport)	kemur við	stops at, calls on (from koma)
fyrirgefðu	excuse me (<i>lit.</i> ‘forgive you [me]’)	rétt fyrir utan	right outside
getur þú sagt mér...	can you tell me...	þakka þér fyrir	thank you (<i>lit.</i> ‘thank you for [this]’)
það er rútt/a fer	it/there is coach goes (from fara)	heiti	am called (from heita)
talar íslensku	speak, talk (from tala) Icelandic (from íslensk/a)	hvaðan	where...from
að læra	learn (here: learning)	Englendingur	someone from England
		hjálpinu	the help (from hjálp)
		það var ekkert	don't mention it, not at all, you're welcome (<i>lit.</i> ‘it was nothing’)