

The Icelandic Village

Creating links between the classroom and the outside world



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Goals

- Create a learning/interaction space for L2 learners of Icelandic
- A stepping stone on the way from classroom interaction to real life interaction
- A bridge between the classroom and the wild
- A network of businesses in downtown Reykjavík
- A specific Icelandic Village design
- The European Language Label 2013
- **The ultimate goal is "the wild": to interact in non-educational places; in the daily life**

The process

classroom

1 Classroom start

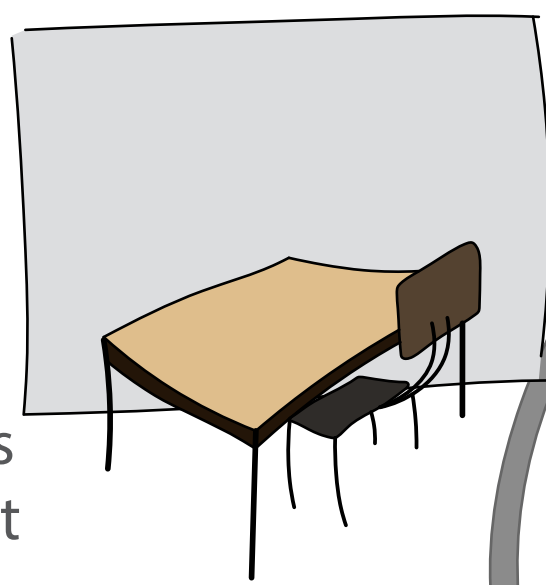
- In the classroom students are prepared for their visit to The Icelandic Village
- The pedagogical process is introduced

3 Preparation for visit

- Students bring "the language" into the classroom where they prepare and practice conversations
- Students share information, new words and phrases

6 Reflect on experience

- Students reflect on the experience together with the teacher



the wild

the ultimate goal

2 Investigate in the Village

- Students go to The Icelandic Village to research and document vocabulary and language use

4 Interact and record

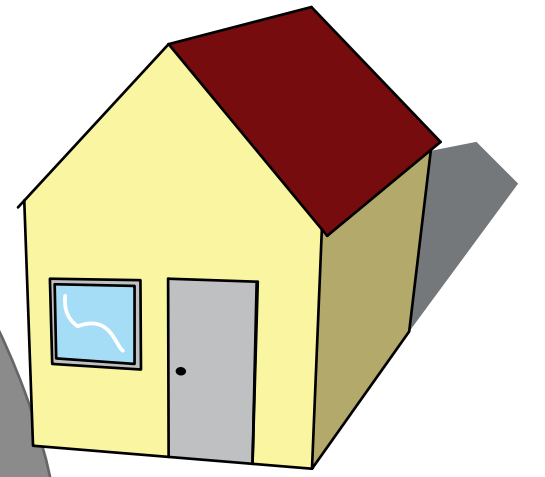
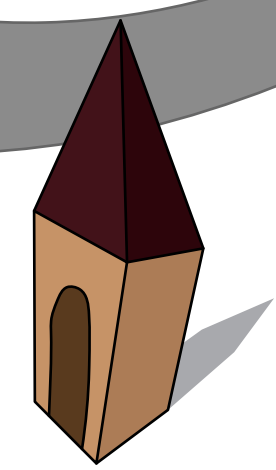
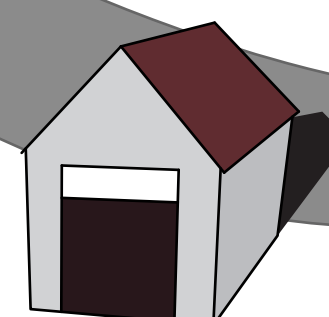
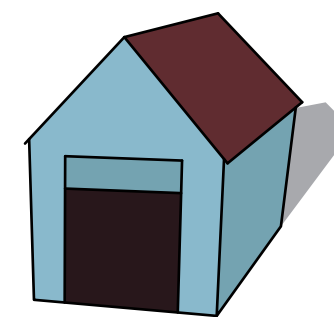
- Students conduct their business in The Icelandic Village
- Students can return to the village regularly to practice their language

homework

5 Review

- At home students review and listen to their Village recordings and work on various assignments to improve their language and pronunciation

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Results and Highlights 2000 students since 2012

Student's voices:

What is the biggest advantage of the Icelandic Village?

"That I was forced to use what I had learned in class"

"To get the courage to speak Icelandic"

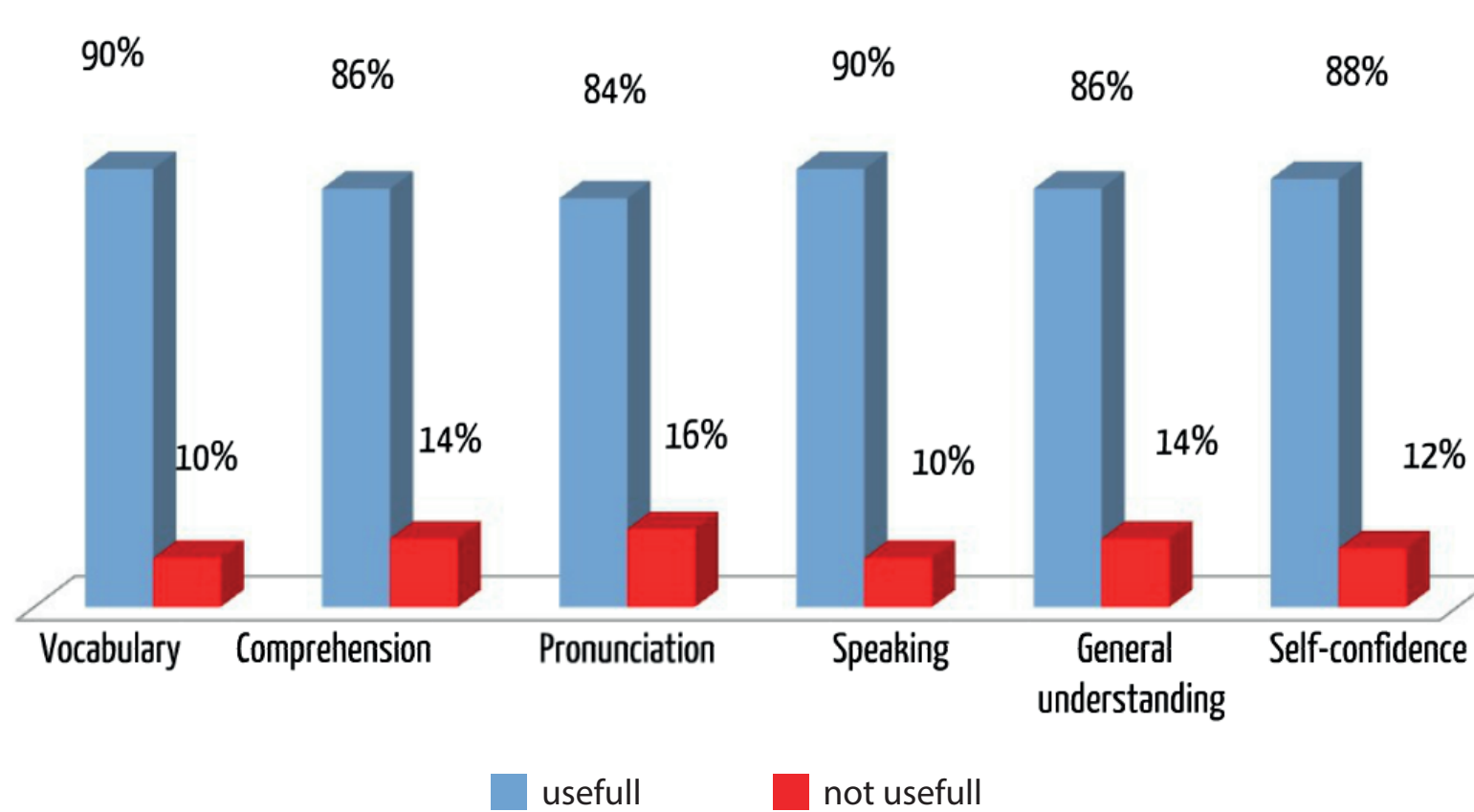
"That we had to speak Icelandic in normal situations"

"You have to go out and speak Icelandic even if you are nervous about that"

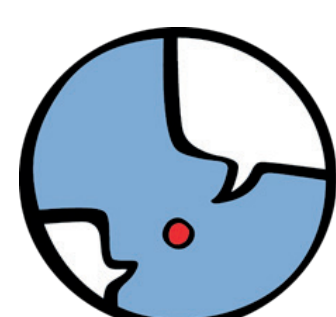
"To have a place to start our speaking"

"The biggest advantage was that we were encouraged to start using Icelandic already from the beginning"

How usefull is the Icelandic Village?



Do you want to speak Icelandic with me?



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