



including Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon. Initially, barriers were built to redirect the lava flow, but by summer 2024 it was clear that these barriers were insufficient. The idea of cooling the lava down with cold water was being thrown around as early as 2023. This method had proved useful 50 years ago, during the 1973 eruption in the Westman Islands. The method was equally successful in 2024 and helped save vital infrastructure from falling victim to the fiery lava.

Below are the ten words that made it on the shortlist:

**hraunkæling:** *lava cooling operation*

**inngilding:** *inclusion*

**þyngdarstjórnunarlýf:** *weight control medication*

**gjörunninn:** *ultra-processed*

**fjölskyldusameining:** *family reunification*

**móttökuskóli:** *reception school (for immigrants)*

**brottfararúrræði:** *deportation resort*

**skjáhætta:** a compound made of the words **skjár** (*screen*) and **áhætta** (*risk*)

**tómthússkattur:** *vacant home tax*