

## The Truth about Trolls

Many people believe trolls are angry, **mean** beasts that **terrify** goats and people. However, this is not true. Here is the truth about trolls.

### What do trolls look like?

Like the **ogre**, trolls are huge. They look **fierce** and ugly but to another troll they are kind and beautiful. The adult troll has small, beady eyes, a **bulbous, warty** nose and sharp, yellow teeth. Most trolls have long, curly horns on their heads similar to a goat. Interestingly, a few trolls do not have any horns at all. No one knows why.



### Where do trolls live?

Trolls are usually found in very cold countries like Iceland. They make their homes in caves near volcanoes which provide both warmth and **shelter**. They live **peacefully** in small family groups, hidden away from people. One troll, who was very grumpy, lived alone under a wooden bridge. Because he **bullied** the local goats, he gave all trolls a very bad name.

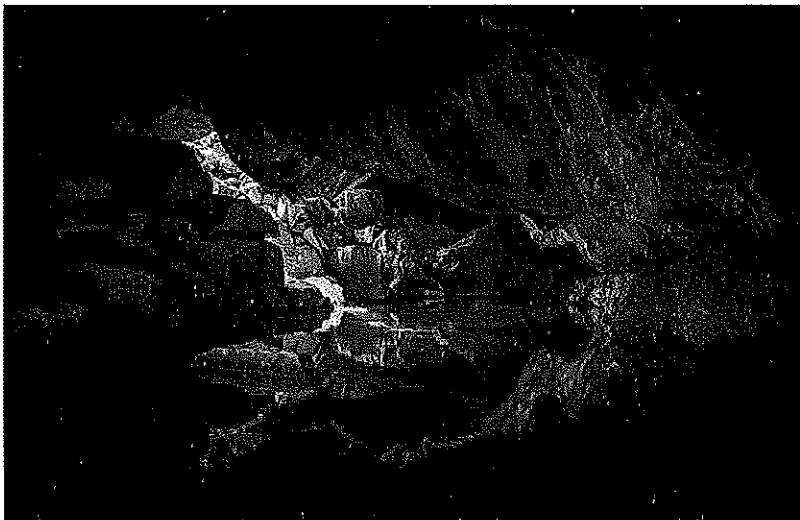


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### What do trolls eat?

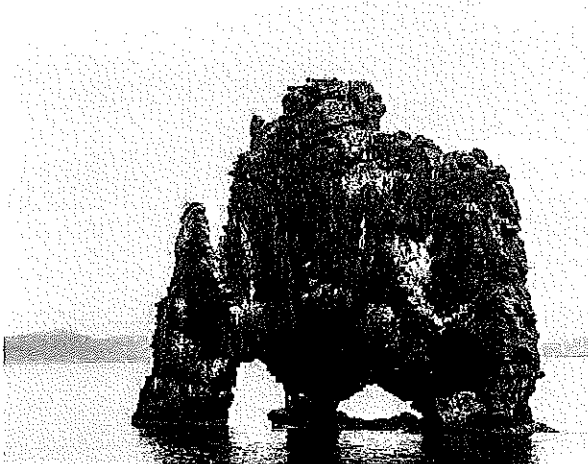
Trolls enjoy eating all types of seafood. Trolls fish in total darkness so that they are not seen by anyone. They mostly eat their food **raw**.

Sometimes, when the volcanoes have erupted, they cook their food on the hot rocks. In addition, they **gather** large mushrooms and dig up juicy roots that grow in the forest. Surprisingly, goats are not on the menu!

### Did you know?

Amazingly, trolls like to have fun. They love singing and dancing. When they sing, it sounds like a rumble of thunder. When they dance, it feels like an earthquake. Sadly, because of the troll that upset the goats, all trolls now hide away from view.

They can still be seen, though, if you look really hard and believe. The rocks here are actually just sleeping trolls!



Professor Folklore  
'Friend of the Troll'

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Now, let's think about writing some new information about trolls.



In 'The truth About Trolls', Professor Folklore used questions as sub-headings to help organise his writing and make it easier for the reader.

Here is the underlying structure of the professor's information text about trolls.

Underlying Structure
Heading: The Truth About Trolls Introduction to get reader interested in topic
What do trolls look like?
Where do trolls live?
What do trolls eat?
Did you know? <i>Keep your best facts for the end!</i>

★ Challenge: What other sections could you add?

- What is troll school like?
- What jobs do trolls do?
- How do trolls look after their babies?
- What do trolls do on holiday?
- What is in a troll's cave?
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★ Use the planner below to jot down some ideas for your information on trolls.

★ You can use the ideas from the word and sentence games.  
Remember you are the new expert!

Underlying structure	New Ideas
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