

Italy

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1 1 T, 2 T, 3 T, 4 F, 5 F, 6 T, 7 T, 8 T, 9 F

2 The Alps, mountains in the north, divide Italy from the rest of Europe. The northern regions of Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli-Venezia Giulia share borders with France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia. In these regions, there are groups of French-Italians, German-Italians and Slovene-Italians.

In the lower eastern part of the Alps are the beautiful Dolomite Mountains. The Dolomites are very different in shape and colour from the rest of the Alps. In the foothills at the bottom of the mountains there are many beautiful lakes. These include the five largest lakes: Garda, Maggiore, Como (one of the deepest lakes in Europe at 400 metres), Iseo and Lugano. Around these lakes are olive groves and lemon and orange groves. Just south of the Dolomite Mountains is the Po Valley. Here farmers grow potatoes, rice and wheat. Wheat is used for making bread.

The Apennine Mountains run 1,130 kilometres from the Cadibona Pass in the north, to Calabria in the south. This divides the country into east and west.

3 1 3,350

2 79

3 13

4 2,500

5 34

6 40

7 3

8 21st

9 24, 5

10 20th, 14

4 1 e, 2 g, 3 b, 4 i, 5 c, 6 d, 7 k, 8 a, 9 f, 10 l, 11 h, 12 j

5 biscuit, bread, cake, cheese, chocolate, coffee, fish, garlic, grape, meat, milk, pasta, polenta, rice, salad, tomatoes, water

6 1 *People lived in big groups called tribes.*

2 The Etruscans lived mainly between the River Tiber and the River Arno.

3 The last Etruscan king lost his land to the Romans. The Roman Republic became the most powerful group in the land.

4 Rome fought Carthage in the Punic Wars.

5 The Roman Empire began. Julius Caesar became ruler.

- 6 Julius Caesar was killed by Marcus Brutus's men.
7 The population of Rome was more than 1 million.

7 1 c, 2 e, 3 a, 4 f, 5 g, 6 h, 7 b, 8 d

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European politician	<i>national</i> classical history popular powerful restaurant	beginning exactly important repeated	historian mythology

- 9 1 *began*
2 sings
3 wrote
4 includes, became
5 has continued
6 are performed
7 agrees
8 composed
9 tried
10 continued
11 are sung
12 was born

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Film	Order	Date
a Cinema Paradiso	6	1988
b Germany Year Zero	2	1948
c La Strada	3	1954
d Life is Beautiful	8	1997
e Mediterraneo	7	1991
f Rome Open City	1	1945
g Spirits of the Dead	4	1969
h The Good, The Bad and the Ugly	5	?
i The Son's Room	9	2001

- 11 *America, Asia, Caribbean, Florence, India, Newfoundland, New York, Pacific Ocean, Portugal, South Carolina, Spain.*

12 Galileo Galilei is often known as the 'father of modern ^{physics} science'. He was born in ^{Pisa} Florence and he studied ^{mathematics} medicine and then ^{physics} at university. He then taught mathematics there and at the University of ^{Padua} Bologna. He also taught astronomy, the study of the sun, ^{moon} Earth and stars.

He made changes to the telescope, and he argued that Aristotle had been wrong about the ^{sun} Earth travelling around the ^{Earth} sun. But the Catholic Church believed Aristotle's idea that the Earth was the centre of everything. Galileo was found guilty of heresy in ¹⁶³³ 1643. He didn't go to prison but he had to ^{inside his house} stay in ~~Rome~~ for the rest of his life.

13 The year 2013 was 'The Year of Italian Culture' in the USA. There were over two hundred events in more than fifty American cities, including San Francisco, Boston and New York. It was organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C. A large number of Italians went to the USA to promote Italy's culture and cuisine, design and fashion, and science and technology.

Cuisine

Americans love Italian food. One popular food from Italy is Nutella made by Ferrero. Chocolate and nuts are mixed together to put on bread. The USA spends \$240.4 million on Nutella each year! But Italy does not sell only its food and drink to the rest of the world. It also sells the machines to make these foods and drinks. Italy is a world leader in food technology machines and it sells over ninety per cent of them abroad each year. Italy makes and sells espresso coffee machines, ice cream machines, fridges, machines for cutting meat and for making bread and pasta. Italian food seems to be getting more and more popular around the world so they sell a lot more machines, too!

Design and science

In The Year of Italian Culture, Italian designers and scientists arrived in the USA to promote new inventions in technology and new ways forward in medicine. They wanted Americans to see that Italians are coming up with some very exciting robots. At one event, visitors saw a robot that can go to people's houses to do their recycling. The robot makes the decisions about what to put in each recycling box. It then takes the recycling away.