

Italy

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The story step by step

1 Listen to 'Welcome to Italy'. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.5 of the book or in the answer key.

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| 1 Italy is a country in Europe. | _ T _ |
| 2 Most people in Italy speak Italian | _____ |
| 3 There are a lot of mountains in Italy. | _____ |
| 4 Italy became one country in 1950. | _____ |
| 5 Most Italians are prouder of their country than of their region. | _____ |
| 6 Italy is famous for design and fashion. | _____ |
| 7 The richest cities are in the north of Italy. | _____ |
| 8 Art and architecture are very important to Italy. | _____ |
| 9 Football is more important than family to most Italians. | _____ |

2 Listen to Chapter 1 (from 'The Alps. mountains in the north ...' to '... and west.'). Complete the text with the missing information you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.8 of the book or in the answer key.

The Alps, mountains in the north, divide Italy from the rest of Europe. The northern _____ of Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli-Venezia Giulia share borders with France, _____, 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 _____ Dolomite Mountains. The Dolomites are very different in _____ and colour from the rest of the Alps. In the foothills at the _____ of the mountains there are many beautiful _____. 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 _____ groves and lemon and orange groves. Just south of the Dolomite Mountains is the Po Valley. Here _____ grow potatoes, rice and wheat. _____ is used for making bread.

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

- 3 Listen to another section of Chapter 1 (from 'Between the Italian peninsula ...' to '... no longer exists.'). Complete the sentences with the numbers you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.10–11 of the book or in the answer key.

3 5 13 14 20th 21st 24 34 40 79 2,500 3,350

- 1 Etna is the highest active volcano in Europe at about 3,350 metres.
- 2 Vesuvius buried the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum in AD _____ when it erupted.
- 3 People can continue to enjoy relaxing on the beach because the temperature is comfortable, at about _____°C in the daytime.
- 4 Sicily gets about _____ hours of sun per year.
- 5 In northern Italy the temperature can rise as high as _____°C in summer.
- 6 In the south summers are even longer, hotter and drier with the temperature rising as high as _____°C.
- 7 Now there are only _____ forests in northern Sicily.
- 8 Italy has made many positive environmental changes in the _____ century.
- 9 Italy's _____ national parks cover _____ per cent of the country.
- 10 In the _____ century, _____ species of animal in Italy became extinct.

- 4 Listen to Chapter 2 (from 'In Ancient Rome ...' to '... shops like Gucci.'). Match the beginnings of the sentences you hear (1–12) with the ends (a–l). The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp. 15–16 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Writers called their city 'The Eternal City'	a and is more than eight metres across.
2 It sits on the River Tiber	b and in Greek the word 'Pantheon' means 'all gods'.
3 The Ancient Romans believed in many gods,	c are buried there.
4 But the Pantheon has been a Christian church	d and one of the most surprising.
5 Two kings, Vittorio Emanuele II and Umberto I, and the artist Raphael	e because they believed it would be there for all time.
6 The building is one of the most famous examples of Ancient Roman architecture	f it quickly leaves through very small holes in the floor.
7 The first thing visitors see	g and has a population of almost three million people.
8 This is called the oculus	h and at the bottom is the famous Barcaccia Fountain.
9 When rain enters,	i since AD 608.
10 Not far from the Pantheon	j and take photos.
11 At the top of the steps is a French church	k is daylight entering through a hole in the great dome forty-three metres above them.
12 Tourists go there to meet friends	l are the famous Spanish Steps in the Piazza di Spagna.

- 5 Listen to Chapter 3 (from 'Italian food is best ...' to '... between 5pm and 8pm.'). Circle all the foods and drinks you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.24–27 of the book or in the answer key.

apple	fish	potato
banana	garlic	rice
<u>biscuit</u>	grape	salad
bread	meat	sandwich
cake	milk	spaghetti
cheese	onion	sugar
chicken	oranges	tea
chocolate	pasta	tomatoes
coffee	pizza	water
egg	polenta	

- 6 Listen to Chapter 4 (from 'Back in Italy's oldest times ...' to '... the best food, and power.'). Write what happened on each of these dates. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.30–32 of the book or in the answer key.

1 700,000 BC	<i>People lived in big groups called tribes.</i>
2 800s BC	
3 509 BC	
4 264–146 BC	
5 49 BC	
6 44 BC	
7 AD 100	

- 7 Listen to Chapter 5 (from 'Gothic Sculptors ...' to '... one of his pupils was the artist Titian.'). Match the artists with the descriptions. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.39–42 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Nicola Pisano	a worked on the baptistery in Florence.
2 Giotto di Bondone	b painted <i>Primavera</i> and <i>The Birth of Venus</i> .
3 Lorenzo Ghiberti	c worked on cathedrals in Siena and Pisa.
4 Donatello	d came from a family of Venetian artists.
5 Masaccio	e worked in Rome, Padua, Milan and Naples.
6 Filippo Lippi	f was a favourite sculptor of the Medici family.
7 Botticelli	g learnt to paint figures from studying Donatello's sculptures.
8 Giovanni Bellini	h first learnt to paint from his father.

8 Listen to Chapter 6 (from 'The works of Italy's ...' to '... Roman people and their lives.'). Put the words into the correct column according to their stress patterns. The first one is an example. Check your answers in a dictionary or in the answer key.

beginning classical European exactly historian history important mythology
 national politician popular powerful repeated restaurant

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_____	<i>national</i>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	

9 Listen to Chapter 7 (from 'Italy is famous around the world ...' to '... ECHO Classics Award.'). Complete the sentences from the chapter with the correct verbs below. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.53–54 of the book or in the answer key.

agrees are performed are sung became ~~began~~ composed continued
 has continued includes sings tried was born wrote

- 1 One of the oldest music festivals in Europe, which **began** in 1937, is the Holy Music Festival in Perugia.
- 2 One very popular pop singer today is Eros Ramazzotti, who _____ in Italian and Spanish.
- 3 Jacopo Peri _____ the first opera at the beginning of the seventeenth century.
- 4 Opera _____ music, words and drama, and quickly _____ very popular.
- 5 It _____ to be popular for over four hundred years.
- 6 Operas _____ in opera houses in most large Italian cities and towns.
- 7 But almost everyone _____ that the greatest opera house in Italy is the beautiful La Scala in Milan.
- 8 Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643) _____ operas to include an orchestra and singers in costumes.
- 9 One of the greatest composers of all time, Giuseppe Verdi, _____ new kinds of music and drama in his operas.
- 10 Italian _____ to be the language of opera for a long time.
- 11 Today operas _____ in other languages, such as German, French and English.
- 12 She _____ in Rome in 1966 and her career began in 1987 in *The Barber of Seville*.

- 10 Listen to Chapter 7 (from 'Before the Second World War ...' to '... his film *Gomorra*.'). Put these films in the correct date order. Then listen again and write the correct date. The date of one of the films is not given. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.57–58 of the book or in the answer key.

Film	Order	Date
a Cinema Paradiso	6	1988
b Germany Year Zero		
c La Strada		
d Life is Beautiful		
e Mediterraneo		
f Rome Open City		
g Spirits of the Dead		
h The Good, The Bad and the Ugly		
i The Son's Room		

- 11 Listen to Chapter 8 (from 'Christopher Columbus ...' to '... to North America.'). Circle all the places you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.60 of the book or in the answer key.

Africa	England	Pacific Ocean
<u>America</u>	Florence	Portugal
Asia	India	San Francisco
Australia	Japan	Scotland
Brazil	Mexico	South Carolina
California	Morocco	Spain
Caribbean	Newfoundland	Turkey
China	New York	Venezuela

- 12 Listen to Chapter 8 (from 'After years of exploring new lands ...' to '... *The Starry Messenger*.'). Listen to the description of the life of Galileo Galilei and correct the mistakes. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.62 of the book or in the answer key.

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

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

- 13 Listen to Chapter 10 (from 'The year 2013'...' to '... the recycling away.'). Complete the text with the correct verbs in the correct form. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.70–71 of the book or in the answer key.

arrive be be come go love make make make mix
 organize see seem not sell spend take want

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

Cuisine

Americans _____ Italian food. One popular food from Italy _____ Nutella _____ by Ferrero. Chocolate and nuts _____ together to put on bread. The USA _____ \$240.4 million on Nutella each year! But Italy _____ 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 _____ and sells espresso coffee machines, ice cream machines, fridges, machines for cutting meat and for making bread and pasta. Italian food _____ to be getting more and more popular around the world so they _____ a lot more machines, too!

Design and science

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