Italy
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A  Before Reading

1  What do you know about Italy? Think about the geography, history, its inhabitants, sport and traditions. Make notes about your ideas.

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2  Look at these pictures from the book. What do they show? What do you know about these places and things?

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Check your answers as you read.

B While Reading

3 There are a lot of important dates in the book. Match the years with the events on the right. The first one is an example.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 509 BC</td>
<td>a The Colosseum was finished.</td>
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<td>2 44 BC</td>
<td>b Leonardo da Vinci was born.</td>
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<td>3 AD 80</td>
<td>c Julius Caesar was killed.</td>
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<td>4 AD 100</td>
<td>d Vittorio Emanuele II became king of Italy.</td>
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<td>5 1345</td>
<td>e The Roman Republic replaced the last Etruscan King.</td>
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<td>6 1349</td>
<td>f The Ponte Vecchio was built in Florence.</td>
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<td>7 1452</td>
<td>g Giovanni Boccaccio started to write Decameron.</td>
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<td>8 1805</td>
<td>h Rome had a population of more than 1 million.</td>
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<td>9 1861</td>
<td>i Italy started to use the euro.</td>
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<td>10 1929</td>
<td>j Napoleon became king of Italy.</td>
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<td>11 1935</td>
<td>k Enzo Ferrari started to make racing cars.</td>
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<td>12 1999</td>
<td>l Luciano Pavarotti was born.</td>
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4 Match the places, things or people with their locations.

1 Stromboli  a Rome
2 The Grand Paradise National Park  b Venice
3 The Trevi Fountain  c The Aeolian Islands
4 The Pitti Palace  d Milan
5 The Grand Canal  e Piedmont and Valle d’Aosta
6 Pizza  f Perugia and Florence
7 Raphael  g Florence
8 La Scala  h Sicily
9 Luigi Pirandello  i Naples
C  After Reading

5  Find sixteen words from the book in the word search.

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POPULATION
OCMPOSERF
PHQWDWSTIR
EARTHQUAKE
DRAMARRRS
DIONECCMC
DOMEKZHYO
STVCLIMATE
GJLPRESHH
VOLCANOQHH
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Choose five of the words and write sentences showing their meaning.

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6  This book gives you a lot of information about Italy. Choose one of the chapter titles and write information about that subject about your own country, city, or region. Write between 100 and 150 words.