

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.

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.

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

- 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.

P	O	P	U	L	A	T	I	O	N
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Choose five of the words and write sentences showing their meaning.

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.