

Italy

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 - 1 a The Dolomite Mountains are in the lower eastern part of the Alps.
 - b Lake Garda is at the bottom of the mountains around Milan.
 - c The Po Valley is south of the Dolomite Mountains.
 - d The Central Apennines are east of Rome.
 - e The Adriatic Sea is between Italy and Eastern Europe.
 - 2 Some of Italy's most beautiful beaches are on the islands in the south.
 - 3 The highest active volcano in Europe is Mount Etna.
 - 4 The word 'volcano' comes from the Roman god Vulcan, the god of fire.
 - 5 The Stelvio National Park is the largest in the Alps.
 - 6 In 1908 there was an earthquake that killed 72,000 people.
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 - 1 Rome sits on the river Tiber.
 - 2 There is a sculpture of Neptune driving his chariot through the waters.
 - 3 The Forum was the centre of politics and law in Ancient Rome.
 - 4 The first gladiator games were in the Colosseum in Rome in AD 80.
 - 5 Florence's oldest bridge is the Ponte Vecchio. It goes across the River Arno.
 - 6 Italy's second largest city, Milan, is the financial centre and the centre of fashion and business.
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 - 1 Petrini started the Slow Food Movement because he wanted people to eat local food. Also it is healthier than fast food and it helps local economies.
 - 2 In the north people eat more polenta than pasta.
 - 3 Piedmont region is famous for truffles and other mushrooms.
 - 4 The Lombardy cuisine does not use tomatoes very much.
 - 5 Puglia makes more olive oil than any other region.
 - 6 The best pizzas are cooked over a wood-burning fire.
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 - 1 The Etruscans are the first people we know something about.
 - 2 The Romans fought the city of Carthage in the Punic Wars between 264 BC and 146 BC.
 - 3 Hadrian's Wall is in the north of England. It was built to stop the Scottish from entering England.
 - 4 The population of Rome in AD 100 was more than 1 million.
 - 5 The Roman Empire was divided into east and west by the fourth century because it was very large.
 - 6 Venice controlled the Adriatic Sea between the twelfth and the fourteenth centuries.

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- 1 The Romans mainly used mosaics on floors and walls.
 - 2 Renaissance artists wanted to make their paintings and sculptures more natural. They wanted to bring their works of art to life with humans that had human feelings.
 - 3 Botticelli's *Primavera* tells the story of the Roman Goddess Flora.
 - 4 Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* is the first modern portrait.
 - 5 Michelangelo preferred making sculptures.
 - 6 Titian painted portraits of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, aristocrats and other rich people.
 - 7 Canaletto painted landscapes of Venice and paintings of London.
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- 1 Catullus, Ovid and Horace wrote poems.
 - 2 Dante is called 'the father of the Italian language.' He wrote *The Divine Comedy*.
 - 3 Petrarch was Rome's first Poet Laureate.
 - 4 There are ten stories in Boccaccio's *Decameron*. They are told by three aristocrats and seven ladies.
 - 5 Umberto Eco wrote about his passion for the Middle Ages.
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- 1 Monteverdi's operas included an orchestra, singers in costumes and drama.
 - 2 They were great Italian tenors in the twentieth century.
 - 3 Mussolini's government built Cinecittà for making films.
 - 4 After the Second World War 'Spaghetti Westerns' were made in Italy because it was cheaper to make them there than in the USA.
 - 5 Italy's most important film festival is in Venice.
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- 1 Explorers wanted to find a sea route because it would be a quicker way to get to China than by land.
 - 2 Amerigo Vespucci believed that Columbus's discovery was not in Asia.
 - 3 Leonardo da Vinci was an inventor, painter and scientist.
 - 4 Galileo believed that the Earth travelled around the sun. He was found guilty of heresy and had to stay inside his house for the rest of his life.
 - 5 Enrico Fermi won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1938 for his work on the first nuclear reactor.
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- 1 Milan's Giuseppe Meazza Stadium gets its name from Italy's greatest footballer of all time.
 - 2 Serie A is Italy's most important professional football league. Twenty teams play in the league.
 - 3 Ferrari has won more Formula 1 races than any other car-maker.
 - 4 The race travels through the Alps, including the Dolomite Mountains.
 - 5 The water polo team won silver medals at the 2012 London Olympics.

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- 1 A large number of Italians went to the USA in 2013 to promote Italy's culture, cuisine, design and fashion, and science and technology in 'The Year of Italian Culture' there.
 - 2 Italy sells espresso coffee machines, ice cream machines, fridges, machines for cutting meat, making bread and pasta.
 - 3 Three of the new inventions were: a) a robot that does recycling, b) a cloth that cleans itself with sunlight and c) bones made of wood.
 - 4 Energica is making an exciting new superbike.
 - 5 Italian families are having fewer children. Italy has one of the lowest birth rates in Europe.