



## Topic: Italy – Countries in Europe

Year: 4 Summer 1 and 2

## Strand: Locational Knowledge/ Human and Physical, Rivers, Seas, Mountains.

## What Should I Already Know?

- Italy is a country in Europe
- The capital city of Italy is Rome
- The Romans came from Rome in Italy
- Using compass points to describe the countries in relation to each other
- Understanding of the terms 'physical' and 'human' features, and what they consist of

## Diagrams



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## Main Information

## Climate

There are 44 countries in Europe and 4 main climate types.

- Polar regions near the Arctic Circle such as Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia where tundra and icy glaciers are common
- Temperate climates, much like the U.K. where there is rainfall and deciduous forests (trees which lose their leaves in the winter)
- Mediterranean climates which are dry and hot and attract many tourists.
- Alpine climates which are mountainous and cold.

## Key Facts and Figures: Italy

Continent Europe

Capital Rome

Population 60.48 0million (2018)

Highest mountain Mont Blanc, 4,810 m (the highest mountain in the Alps)

Volcanoes Italy has three active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Stromboli and Etna

Longest river River Po,

Largest lake Lake Garda, 370 km<sup>2</sup>

Seas Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian seas

Currency Euro

## Physical Features

The Alps: These are the longest mountain range in Europe and the highest in western Europe (excluding Russia). They are 1200km across and pass through 8 alpine countries (Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Monaco, Italy and Liechtenstein).

The Apennines: The Apennines range runs north to south down the centre of the country.

River Po: The longest river in Italy is the River Po. It is approximately 670kmin length and its source is the many streams found in the Alps.

## Human Features

European Union: The E.U. is a political and economic group of 28 countries who allow free trade and commerce between member states. It was created in 1948 after World War II to help Europe become more stable.

Colosseum: The Colosseum in Rome, built in 70 A.D., as one of many built throughout Italy during the time of the Romans. This huge amphitheatre could hold 50,000 spectators and was often the scene of chariot races, gladiator and animal battles along with executions.

The ruins of Pompeii: A Roman town which was destroyed from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

Leaning Tower of Pisa: The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a bell tower in Pisa, Italy. The Tower of Pisa is world famous for its prominent tilt to one side.

## Vocabulary

Amphitheatre

Brick built oval stadium - Roman architecture

Borders

Political factors and physical (e.g. rivers, mountains and seas) affect where borders between countries are set

English Channel

A 560km stretch of sea which separates England from France - important for trade

Equator

An imaginary line drawn around the middle of the earth an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole

Euro

The unit of money used across most of Europe

Iberian Peninsula

Portugal, Spain and Andorra where the region is hotter and drier than the rest of Western Europe

Mediterranean

Southern areas of Europe which have mild winters and hot summers (e.g. Italy, Spain)

Polar Regions

Northern Europe which is cold and dry all year

Peninsula

A piece of land which is almost completely surrounded by water

Temperate

This middle section of Europe has cold winters and mild summers (e.g. U.K., Germany, Poland)

Russia

Only Western Russia is considered inside Europe

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Question 1: How many countries have a land border with Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1 country		
2 countries		
3 countries		
4 countries		

Question 4: What is the name of the mountain range that runs the entire length of Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Strandzha		
Carpathians		
Lepontine Alps		
Apennines		

Question 2: How many seas surround Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1 sea		
2 seas		
3 seas		
4 seas		

Question 5: What is the most populated city in Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Naples		
Florence		
Milan		
Turin		

Question 3: What is the approximate population of Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
8 Million		
60 Million		
45 Million		
165 Million		

Question 6: Where would you find the Colosseum?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
		
Turin		
Rome		
Venice		
Florence		