

Year 4 Geography Unit - Italy



Context

Italy is a country in southern Europe and the UK is in the North of Europe.

Italy is a larger country but has fewer people than the UK.

The climate of Italy is warm and dry in the south and cooler and wetter in the north.

Key vocabulary and places

Rome - the capital city of Italy. It's smaller than London with 2.9 million people.

Romans - The great empire that conquered the region and eventually Britain in AD 37

Regions - Italy is divided into 20 regions containing many famous cities like Venice.

Alps - A very high mountain range in the north of Italy that stretches into other countries.

Appenines - A mountain range running down the centre of Italy for 1200km.

Pompeii - A Roman city destroyed by one of Italy's volcanoes, Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.

Volcanoes - Italy's volcanoes produce **ash, gas** and **lava**. Each volcano erupts differently.

Portofino - a beautiful and colourful coastal town in North West Italy.

Venice - a city in the north west, built in a lagoon (lake) with canals instead of roads.

Milan - a large northern city, famous for its fashion industry.

Florence - a famous western city whose 380,000 residents are often outnumbered by tourists!

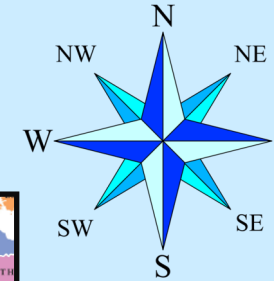
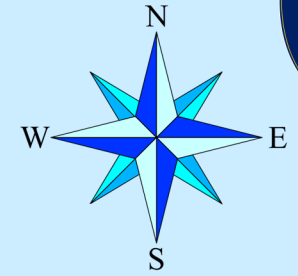
Pisa - a western city, famous for its cathedral's leaning bell tower.

Culture - culture is a term which basically describes how people in a country behave and what is important and special to them as a whole. Food, family, religion and fashion are key parts of Italian culture.



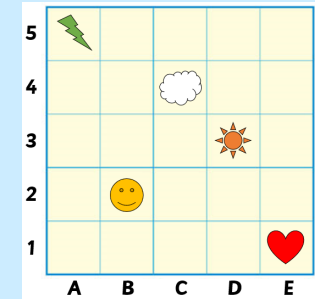
Geography Skills

- You should be confident in using a 4 point compass to describe locations of places in Italy.



- You should be beginning to use an 8 point compass to do this too.

- Use letter and number coordinates to locate parts of Italy on a map. Give the letter first and then the number.
- Compare locations using maps, photographs, satellite images and draw conclusions.
- Locate places on a large scale map and when using atlases. Know that a key is needed and use one.
- Draw a sketch map of from a high viewpoint and use a key.



Something to reflect on...

Is there more to Italy than just good food?

Where do you think the most tourists would go to, why?

The coast, the high Alps and their lakes, famous cities, the volcanoes or the Appenines.

Would you like to live in Italy? Why or why not?

