

Year 3 and 4 Home Learning
Geography (The Romans) Week 10
Monday

The Romans

Learning Objective:

To be able to locate Italy and Rome on a map and to investigate what Italy is like.

What is Italy famous for?



What do you think Italy is like?

What adjectives did you think of to describe Italy?

Ideas:



Where is Italy?

Italy is easy to identify on the map because it is shaped like a boot. Can you spot the toe and the heel?

Italy is a country in the continent of Europe. Which countries lie next to Italy?



Have a look at this map of Italy.

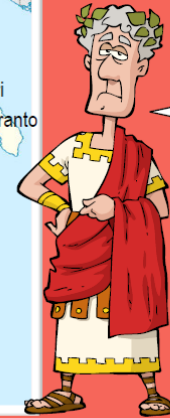
Can you find Rome on this map?

How would you describe its position within the country?



What other major cities can you see?

Have you ever been to any of these places? What were they like?

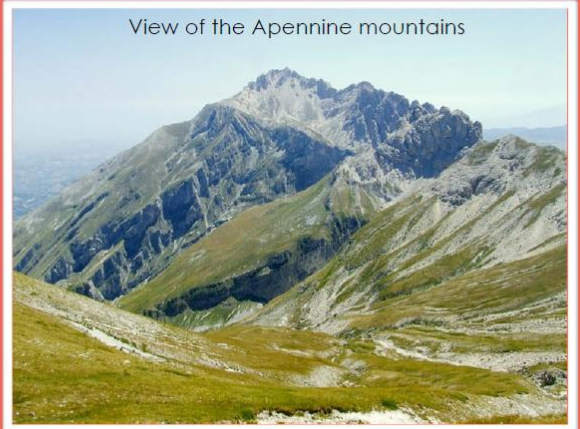


What is Italy like?

Italy is a country in southern Europe. It sits in the Mediterranean Sea and has several islands that are also part of the country: Sicily, Sardinia and Elba. It is around 116,000 square miles in size and it has a population of around 58 million people (Britain has a population of around 61 million).

There are two main mountain ranges in Italy: the Alps and the Apennines. The Alps are in the north of the country bordering with France, Austria and Switzerland. The Apennines stretch for 870 miles down the length of the country from north to south.

View of the Apennine mountains

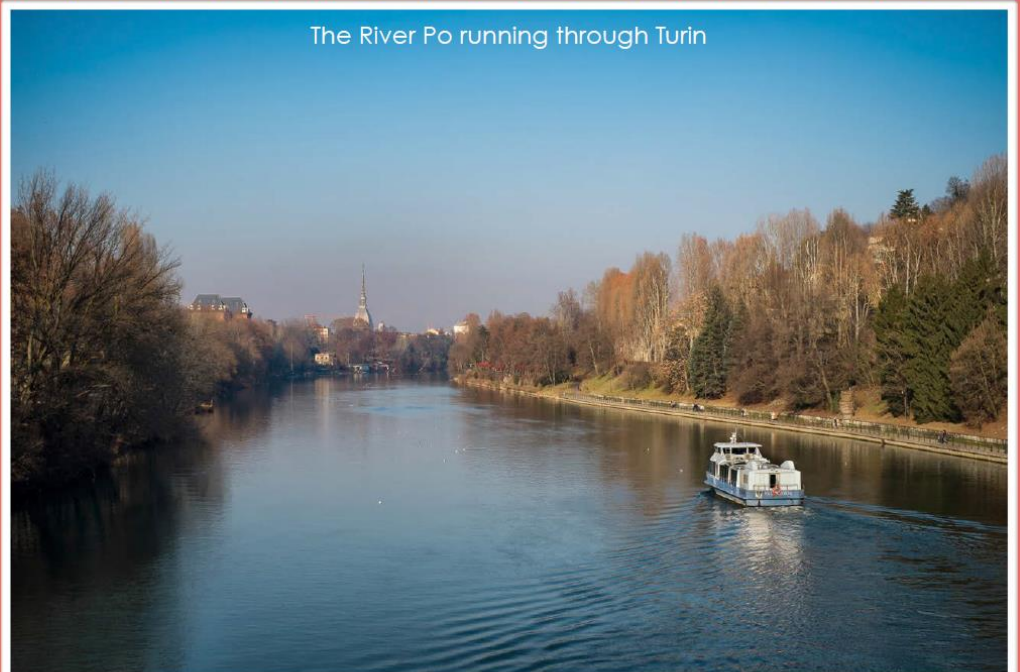


Most of the rivers of Italy start in the Apennine mountains.

Some of the major rivers in Italy include the River Tiber, the Po River and the River Arno. The longest river is the Po which runs for around 405 miles.

It starts in the Alps and runs down to the Adriatic Sea.

The River Po running through Turin



The temperature and climate of Italy depends on whereabouts in the country you are. In the north it can be very cold in winter, especially in the Alps, but warm in the summer. The north is the wettest part of the country too. In the south, the climate is warmer all year round and in summer can become very hot due to the warm winds from Africa and the Mediterranean. It is not unusual in winter for the north to be 0°C whilst the south is 20°C but in the summer there is less of a difference.

Milan in winter



Palermo in winter

Rome is the capital city of Italy. It is almost 500 square miles in size and has a population of 2.7 million people. The River Tiber runs through the city. Rome is sometimes referred to as the 'City of Seven Hills' because of the seven hills it was originally built on. On the west bank is the Vatican City which is a walled state within Rome where the head of the Catholic church, the Pope, lives.



Bronze

Can you find Italy on this map of Europe and colour it in?
How many other countries can you identify?



Italy is a _____ in the continent of _____. There are two main _____ ranges in Italy. They are called the _____ and the _____. The longest river in Italy is the _____. Italy has a population of around _____ people. The capital city of Italy is _____.

Word Bank

Alps	Europe	mountain	country
58 million	Rome	Apennines	Po River

Silver

Use an atlas to label the major cities of Italy listed below:



Rome

Bologna

Verona

Milan

Turin

Florence

Palermo

Taranto

Naples

Venice

Genoa

Cagliari

Gold

Use an atlas to label the map of Italy with the cities, mountains and rivers listed:



Cities

Rome	Florence	Genoa
Turin	Venice	Milan
Naples	Verona	Taranto
Bologna	Palermo	Cagliari

Mountains

The Alps
The Apennines

Rivers

River Tiber
Po River
River Arno

CHALLENGE - LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT ITALY

The dominoes are on the next page...

If you can print the dominoes and play this game so you learn the facts

OR:

1. Fold A4 paper in half, half again and half again.
2. Open the paper and cut along the folds to make domino pieces
3. Do the same with another piece of A4 paper. You will only need 2 pieces.
4. Each piece you have cut, fold it in half then open it.
5. Write out one of the dominoes on one piece so half is on one side and half on the other.
6. Repeat this for all the dominoes.
7. Play the game by matching the word to the fact.
8. You should be able to connect up the dominoes, so you have used every piece.

The Alps	What is the population of Italy?	58 million people	What is the longest river in Italy?
The Po River	What is the name of the mountain range that runs down the length of Italy from north to south?	The Apennines	What are the names of the islands that belong to Italy?
Sicily, Sardinia and Elba	What is the population of Rome?	2.7 million people	What is the capital city of Italy?
Rome	Italy is a country in which continent?	Europe	How large an area does Italy cover?
116,000 square miles	Which part of the country is warmer: the North or the South?	The South	What is the name of the mountain range that borders with Switzerland, France and Austria?

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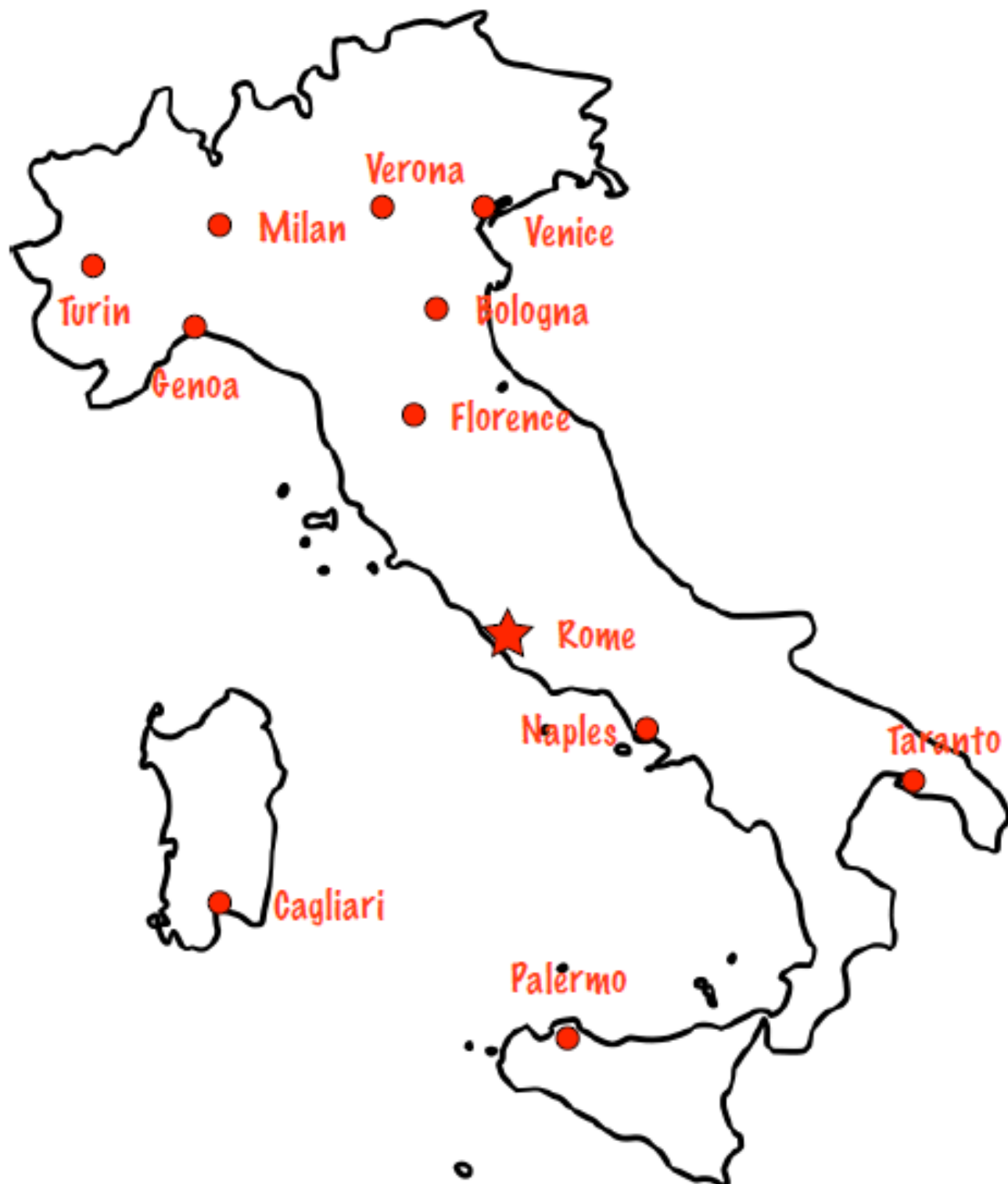


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