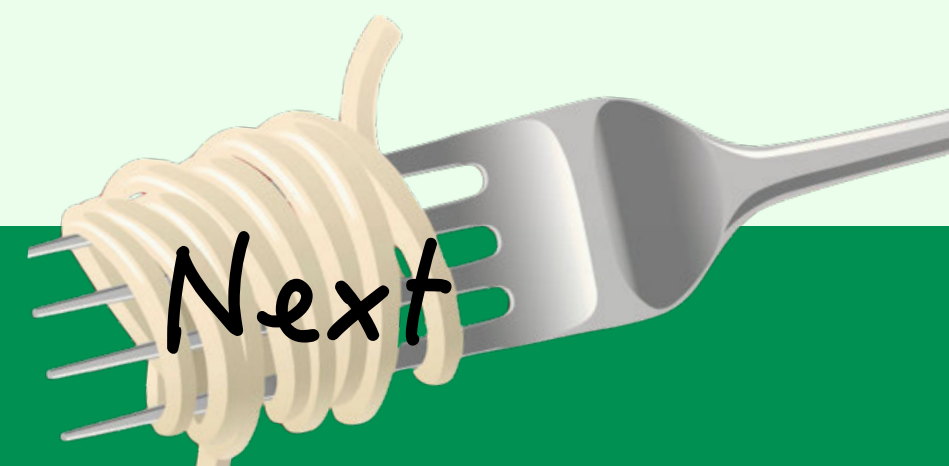


Italy Today



Learning Objective:

To know where Italy is in the world

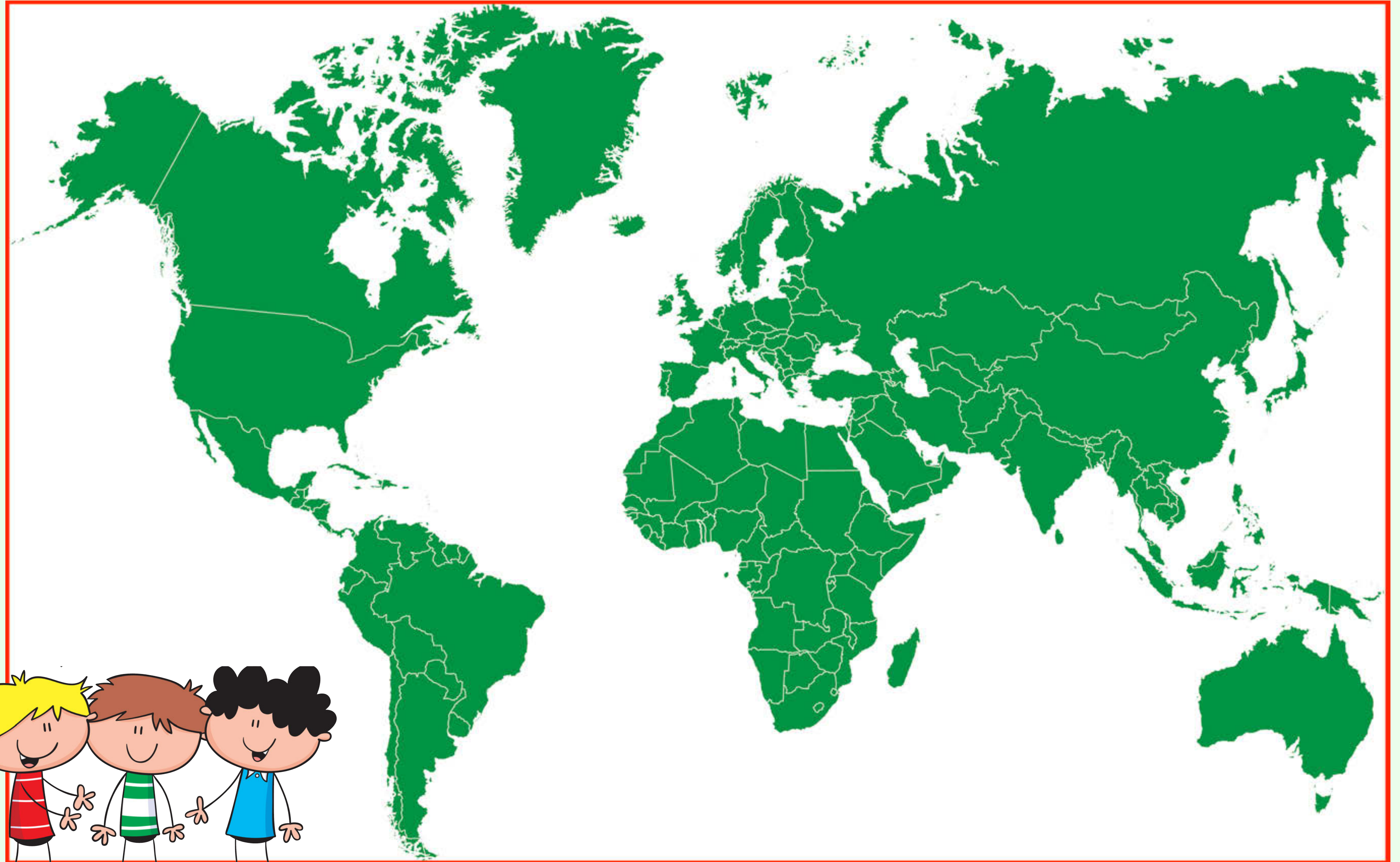
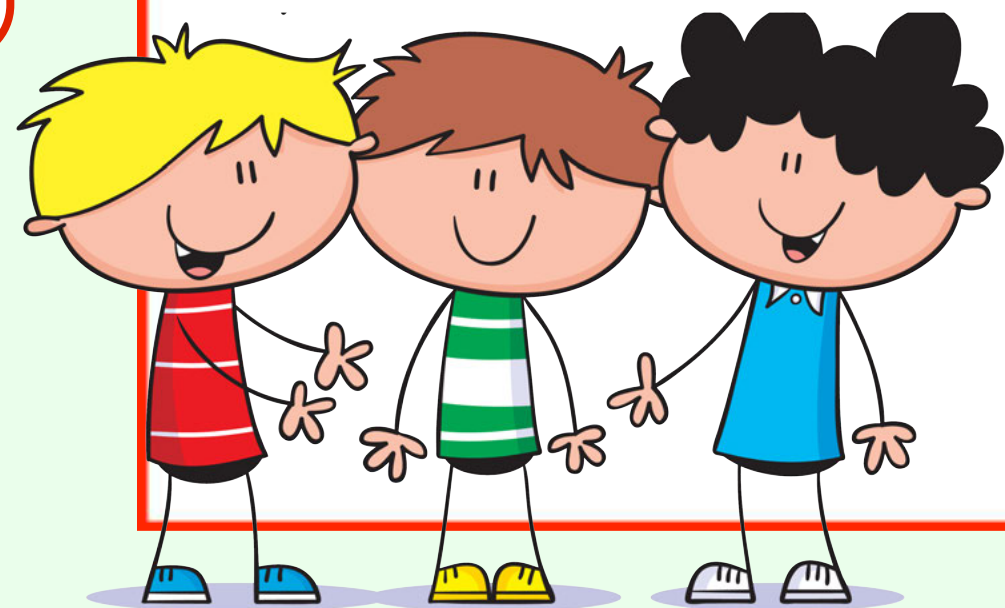


Where is the UK on this world map?

Where is Italy on this world map?

Do you know which continent both of these countries are in?

Think, pair, then share your answers.



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The UK and Italy are both part of the continent of Europe.
Italy is in southern Europe.



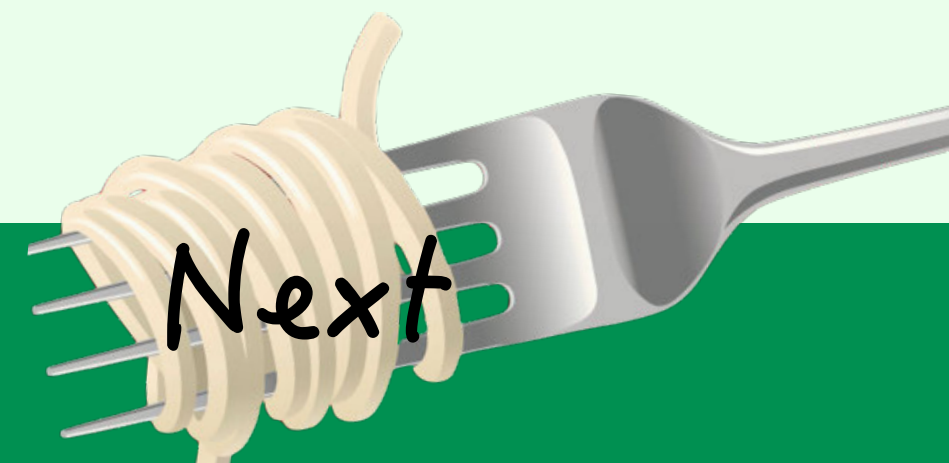
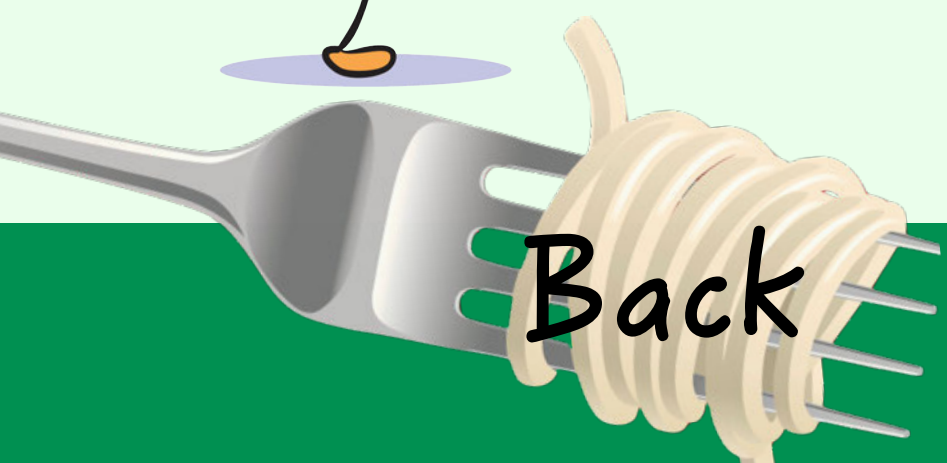
It's easy to spot Italy because it is shaped like a boot!
Can you spot the toe and the heel?



How many countries share a border with Italy, and what are they?



Discuss your answers with a partner.



There are four countries that share a border with Italy – France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia.



Do you know what the capital city of Italy is? (HINT: There is a clue on the map!)



Think, pair, then share your ideas.

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Rome is the capital city of Italy. It is one of the most populous cities in Europe. Situated within Rome is the Vatican City, which is a walled state where the head of the Catholic church, the Pope, lives.

Why do you think this map of Italy is split into different coloured sections?



Think, pair, then share your ideas.



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Just like the UK, Italy is divided into regions. They each have their own flag and capital city. There are 20 regions altogether, two of which are islands – Sicily and Sardinia. They are still part of Italy even though they are not joined to the mainland.



Do you know the names of any cities in Italy, other than the capital, Rome?

Think, pair, then share your ideas.



The names of each region are written in capital letters.

Can you spot them?

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There are many world-famous cities in Italy:

- Venice is known for its busy canals, where people travel on long, thin boats called gondolas.
- Florence is home to many masterpieces of art and architecture.
- Milan is one of the 'fashion and design' capitals of the world.
- Naples is the birthplace of the pizza!

Can you find these cities on the map, and the name of the region they are the capital of?



The capital cities of each region are written in lowercase letters.

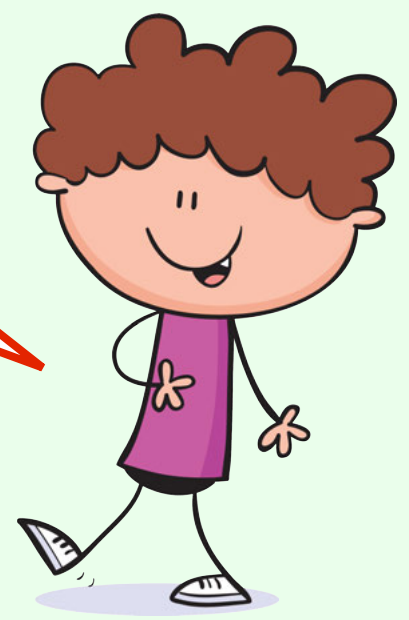
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Venice is in the north of Italy on the east coast. It is in the region of Veneto.



Would you like to travel on a gondola?



A gondola is a narrow, flat-bottomed boat, similar to a canoe. A gondolier guides the boat using a single oar.



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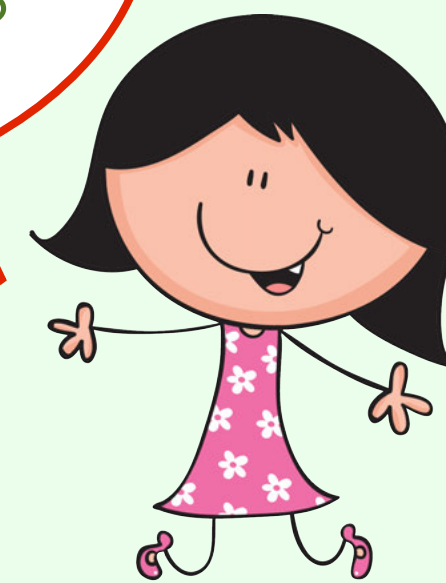
This is Florence Cathedral, and the picture below is a wall painting called a 'fresco' on the inside of the dome.



Florence is in the region of Tuscany in central Italy.



Do you like the design of Florence cathedral? Why?



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Milan is in the north of Italy, in the Lombardy region.



Milan Fashion Week is a clothing show where the top designers display their latest creations.

Versace is just one of many luxury fashion companies based in Italy.



Do you know of any other famous Italian fashion brands or designers?

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Naples is where the modern-day pizza was invented.
The very first pizzeria was opened here in 1830.



What's your favourite type of pizza?



Naples is in southern Italy in the region of Campania.

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Italy is a peninsula. This means that it is mostly surrounded by water, with only some of its border being connected to the mainland.



How many different seas surround Italy? See if you can pronounce them all!

Think, pair, then share your ideas.

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The temperature and climate of Italy depend on where in the country you are.

In the north it can be very cold in winter, 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 of the country to be 0°C whilst the south is 20°C! In the summer there is less of a difference in temperature.



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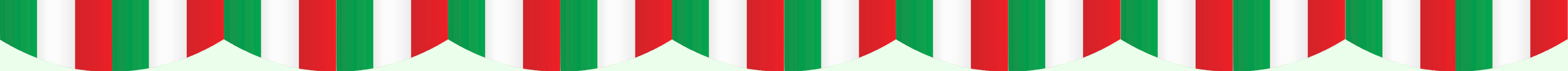
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Are you ready to use your map skills on your own
to find out more about Italy?



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Plenary:

Let's compare Italy and the UK...



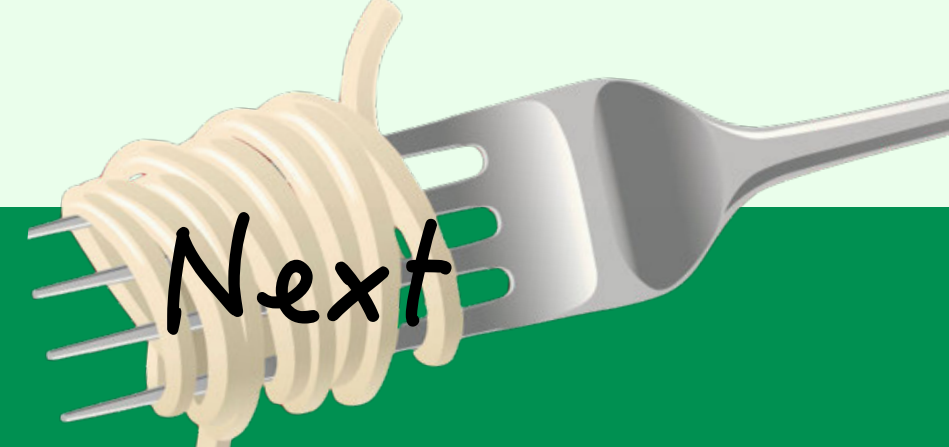
Which country do you think has the largest population?

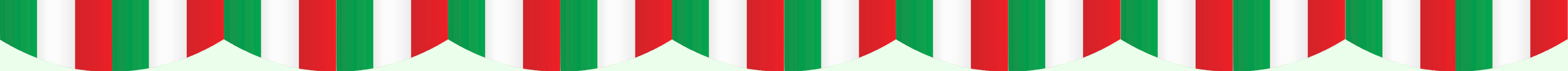
Which capital city do you think has the largest population?



Which country do you think is bigger in size?

Think, pair, then share your ideas.





Plenary:

Were you right? Let's find out...

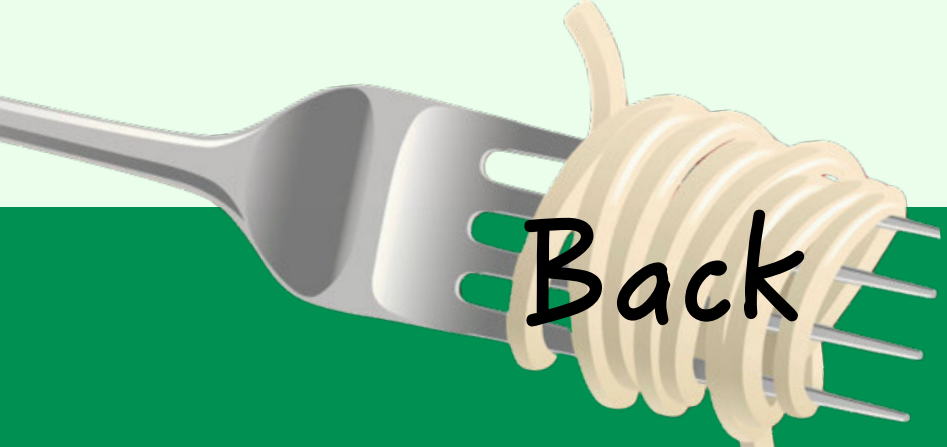


The estimated population of both countries is...
Italy: 60.7 million UK: 65.1 million

The estimated population of both capital cities is:
Rome: 2.9 million London: 8.6 million



The approximate size of both countries is...
Italy: 301,338km² UK: 242,495km²



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