# Geography - European Contrast - Italy Year 3

The term **physical** geography is used to describe the **natural** features and landscape of an area or country, such as its mountains, deserts, rivers and oceans.

#### The countries and capital cities of Europe

Europe is one of the **seven continents** of the world. It is a collection of **44** individual countries and capital cities.



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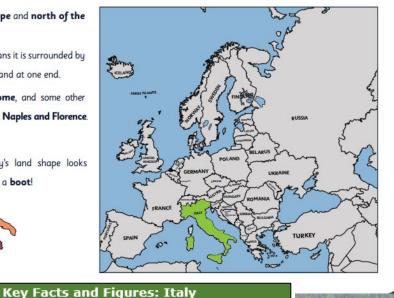
Italy is located south of Europe and north of the Mediterranean Sea.

Italy is a **peninsula** which means it is surrounded by water and only connected to land at one end.

The capital city of Italy is **Rome**, and some other famous cities are **Milan**, **Venice**, **Naples and Florence**.



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## Key Vocabulary

— refers to an area that has mountains, and these affect the weather

- a capital city — a capital city is where the country's government is located

human feature — something made or built by humans

eographical features — human and physical features that you can see all around you

- when land (or country) is mostly surrounded by water and is only connected to land at one end

terrain — describes the natural features of an area

physical feature — a natural part of the land such as rivers and cliffs

– a collection of maps in book form

— a diagram showing where places are located and their features

- a continent is a large solid area of land made up of a collection of countries

geographical features — human and physical features are things that you can see all around you

Continent	Europe
Capital	Rome
Population	60.48 million (2018)
Highest mountain	Mont Blanc, 4,810 m (the highest mountain in the Alps)
Volcanoes	Italy has three active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Stromboli and Etna
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Longest river River Po

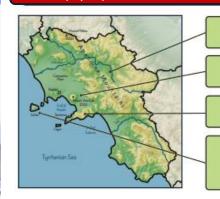
Largest lake Lake Garda, 370 km²

Seas Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian seas

Currency Euro

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## Key physical features of Italy



Apennine Mountains

Mount Vesuvius

**Amalfi Coast** 

The island of **Ischia** is famous for its **hot springs**.

#### Key human features of Italy

Human geography is about how people interact with the world around them. It includes things such as communities, culture, how the land is used and trade links.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa - Pisa



The Grand Canal - Venice



Piazza del Duomo - Milan



Ponte Vecchio - Florence



The Colosseum - Rome