

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**.



Key Vocabulary

- alpine** – refers to an area that has mountains, and these affect the weather
- capital city** – a capital city is where the country's government is located
- human feature** – something made or built by humans
- geographical features** – human and physical features that you can see all around you
- peninsula** – 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
- atlas** – a collection of maps in book form
- map** – a diagram showing where places are located and their features
- continent** – 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

Italy

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**.



Italy's land shape looks like a **boot**!



Key Facts and Figures: Italy

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
Longest river	River Po
Largest lake	Lake Garda, 370 km ²
Seas	Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian seas
Currency	Euro

Macclesfield Fieldwork- compare how an area in Italy compares to our local area. Compare temperature and wind speed. Present as graphs using 2Graph

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



Ponte Vecchio - Florence



Piazza del Duomo - Milan



The Colosseum - Rome