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GEOGRAPHY
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Comparing our local area to Italy

**YEAR 3 SPR 1
BIG QUESTION:**

'Are all countries in Europe the same?'

What I should already know?

- The **borough** I live in is called Brent which is in the city of London.
- London is a city in England which is in the United Kingdom (UK).
- There are seven **continents**, including Europe, and five **oceans**.

Map of Europe



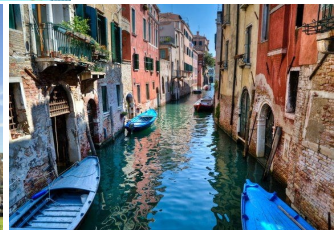
Landmarks



Leaning Tower of Pisa



The Colosseum



The Canals of Venice

Map of Italy



Key Vocabulary

Euro	Currency in Italy
Europe	Continent that Italy and the UK are in
Italian	The main language spoken in Italy
Mediterranean	Country or Island that borders the Mediterranean Sea
Mount Etna / Mount Vesuvius	Active volcanos in Italy
River Po	Longest river in Italy (652 km)
Renaissance	Period of great cultural achievements in Italian poetry, painting and architecture that lasted from 14 th to the 17 th centuries
Rome	Capital city of Italy
The Apennines	Largest mountain range Italy
Vatican City	A microstate where the Pope lives and works. (Head of the Roman Catholic Church)

Three of Italy's volcanoes have erupted in the last 100 years! Mount Etna on Sicily, Stromboli on one of the Aeolian Islands and Mount Vesuvius which is near Naples

Volcanos



Climate

With it's hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters, Italy experiences a **Mediterranean climate**. Cold air from North Europe brings snow to the mountains in the north but most coasts are kept warm by high sea temperatures. Summer temperatures can reach up to 40°C in the southern regions.



Key Italy Facts

- Vatican City and San Marino are small independent states in Italy
- Italy belongs to the continent of Europe
- Rome is the capital
- Italy has many earthquakes and volcanoes
- Over 61 million people live in Italy
- Italian is the main language

Recommended websites

- <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/italy-facts.html>
- <https://kids.kiddle.co/Italy>