



The national flag of Italy consists of a tricolour of green, white and red.

It is commonly said that the green represents the hills and fields of Italy, the white being the snow of the Alps and the red being the blood that was spilt in the Italian Wars of Independence.



• Population: 60 million

Major Religion: Christianity

Capital City: Rome

The official language is Italian





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Colosseum



Food

Many foods from around the world are eaten in Italy.

Traditional Italian food is most famous for its pasta, risotto and olive oil. Pasta comes in many different shapes and sizes.

Preserved meats, olives and tomatoes are also very traditional foods in Italy.

Some food terms in Italian:

Antipasto – appetiser

Primo – first course

Secondo – second course

Caffè - coffee





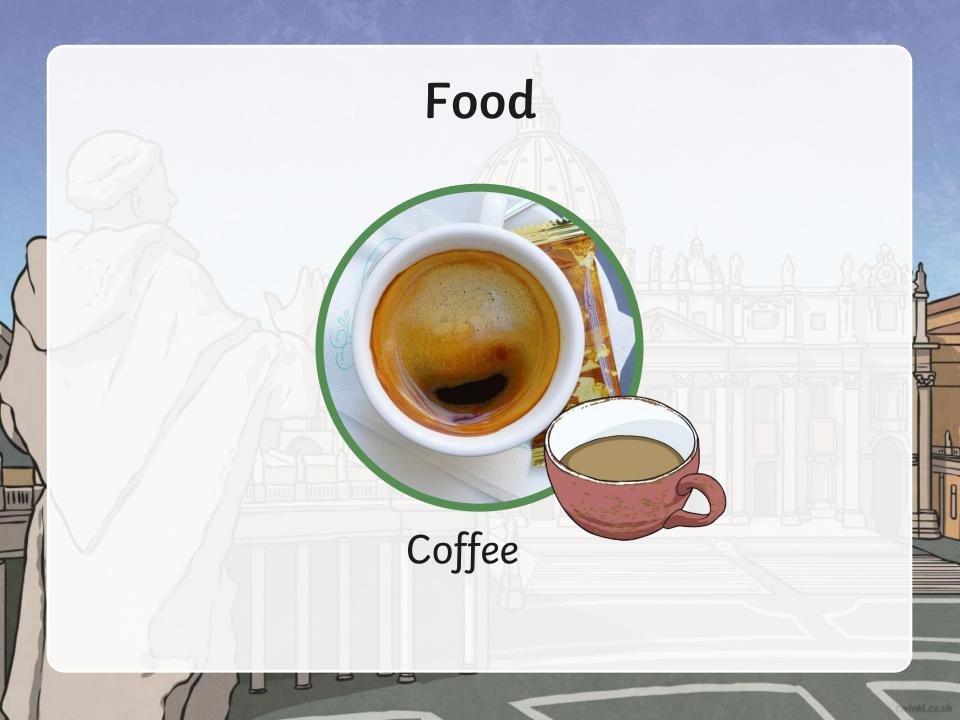
Antipasto





Risotto

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Food



Pasta



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School

In Italy, education is free for all those that live in the country.

Children begin school at the age of 6.



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There are different types of secondary schools in Italy.

After spending two years covering the main subjects, some children can focus on things they are good at, such as art, science of even classical languages like Latin!

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