

Important facts

- Rome is the capital city of Italy; London is the capital city of United Kingdom
- The UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Vatican City and San Marino are tiny independent states within Italy
- Both the UK and Italy are in the continent of Europe.
- Population of Italy is 62 million; population of UK is 70 million. However, Italy is nearly 50% bigger in land area.
- The Alps are partly in Italy, in the north. Most of Italy is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea and the weather in the south can be very hot in summer.
- The UK is to the north of Italy – the weather is not as warm but there are still four seasons.
- Italy is famous for its history (Romans) and the Vatican City is the home of the Pope (the head of the Catholic church). It has busy cities, with successful industries such as tourism, machinery, iron and steel, clothing and footwear. 43% of the land is agricultural
- The UK is famous for its history (Stonehenge, castles) and for its monarchy. It has successful industries in banking, finance, tourism, steel, oil and gas. Only 1.4% of the land is agricultural.
- Italy is part of the European Union (EU). The UK recently left membership of the EU.

Key Vocabulary

agriculture	Farming for animals or crops
Alps	Range of mountains in Italy, France and Switzerland
Capital city	The main city where the government is located
Catholic	The original Christian religion
continent	One of seven large areas of land
European Union	A group of countries in Europe, with special trade agreements. Some use the same currency– the Euro.
finance	Anything dealing with money
industry	Economic activity, often the production of items for sale
monarchy	A royal family
population	The total number of people in the country
tourism	Money made from visiting holidaymakers.



Italy and the UK on a map



The Leaning tower of Pisa in Italy.

Buckingham Palace in London.

