



## Investigazione 2: Italia

Go to [www.euroclub-schools.org](http://www.euroclub-schools.org). Enter the Italian Zone. Click on Facts About Italy (part 2).

By reading the information on the web page, can you answer the following questions?

1. Which famous building was constructed between the years 1173 and 1373? Write its name in both Italian and English.

2. Which Italian island has a flag that depicts three golden bees?  
Who designed the flag?

3. In Italy, which day is associated with the yellow, flowering plant called *la mimosa*?  
Which saint's day is also Fathers' Day in Italy?

4. Name two bridges in the city of Venice. Write their names in both English and Italian.

5. What is *Murano glass*?

6. Name the largest Italian island.  
Name the second largest.

7. Write the following place names in Italian: Venice - Tuscany -  
the Adriatic Sea - the Mediterranean Sea -

8. Name the three-legged character on the flag of Sicily.

9. The city of Venice is built on approximately how many islands?  
With approximately how many bridges?  
It is built in a lagoon. Name the lagoon in Italian.

10. The traditional boat of Venice, *una gondola*, is painted in which colour?

11. Name a *Ferrari* sports car that has a name meaning 'redhead.'

12. Which insect is an Italian symbol of good luck?

13. Which number is considered to be unlucky in Italy?

14. What is the name of the Italian pouch that is given to guests on special occasions?

How many sugared almonds are contained inside the pouch and what do they represent?

15. Who is *il topolino dei denti*?  
Who is *la Befana*?

16. Who is the patron saint of Venice?

17. According to Italian superstition, which two items should not be spilled?

18. Venice belongs to the region of ...  
The island of *Elba* belongs to the region of ....
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19. Who is the patron saint of Pisa?  
Which object has been named in his honour?
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20. Which food is eaten at New Year in Italy in the belief that it will bring good fortune?
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21. What do the letters FIAT stand for?
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22. Which Italian car manufacturers have the following symbols?.....
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| a. a horse   | b. a charging bull               |
| c. a trident | d. a red cross and crowned viper |
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23. Write the following special occasions in Italian...
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| a. a baptism / christening |
| b. a wedding               |
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24. What is celebrated in Italy on the second Sunday of May?
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25. What is *il Campanile di San Marco*?  
Which statue stands at the top of the building?
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26. Which Italian scooter was given the name 'wasp'?  
Which Italian scooter was named after a river?
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27. Name two Italian makes of motorcycle.
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28. Venice is famous for which festival?
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29. What is the name of the main canal in Venice?
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30. According to the well-known belief, why was a bridge of Venice called 'the Bridge of Sighs'?
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31. What are *Lampedusa, Ischia* and *Capri*?
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32. Which Italian company has a logo depicting an eagle in flight?
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33. Name some of the police forces that exist in Italy.
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34. Which period in history is known for its art and architecture and literally means 'rebirth'?  
Which Italian family based in Florence was responsible for promoting great artists and architects during this period?
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35. Name the artists who created...
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| a. The Birth of Venus   |
| b. The Creation of Adam |
| c. Mona Lisa            |