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|  | **England** | **Italy** | **Comparisons** (what are the similarities and differences between England and Italy?) |
| **Population** | What is the population of England?54 millionWhat is England’s capital city?LondonHow many people live there?8.4 million | What is the population of Italy?60.7 millionWhat is Italy’s capital city?RomeHow many people live there?2.8 million | Which country has a bigger population? Italy has a bigger population that England, although the populations of both country’s is quite similarWhy does England feel a bit more crowded, even though there are less people?England is much smaller than Italy, yet we have nearly as many people so it feels more crowded. Also, our capital city has far more people living there than Italy’s so London will feel very crowded! |
| **Mountains** | How mountainous is England?Not very- it’s quite flatWhat are the names of England’s famous mountain ranges?The Pennines and the Lake DistrictWhat is the name of England’s tallest mountain?Scarfell PikeHow tall is it?978m | How much of Italy is covered in mountains?1/3 What are the names of Italy’s famous mountain ranges?The Alps, The Dolomites and The ApenninesWhat is the name of Italy’s tallest mountain?Mont BlancHow tall is it?4810m  | Which country has more mountains?ItalyDoes England have any mountains?YesHow are Italy’s mountains a bit different from the mountains in England?There are a lot more mountains in Italy and the mountain ranges there have huge mountains which are much bigger than the ones we have in England.  |
| **Lakes** | How many lakes are there in England?387Why might people like to go and visit the lakes in England?People like to walk around the lakes to take in the beautiful scenery and look at the wildlife that live in and around the lakes. The lakes can also be used for lots of hobbies like sailing, wind surfing and fishing.  | How many lakes are there in Italy?1,500Why might people like to go and visit the lakes in Italy?These lakes attract a lot of tourists because they were created in a very special way- they were formed when glaciers (sheets of ice) from the mountains slid down to the bottom and melted- so the water is crystal clear! Also, the lakes are in a hot climate so lots of spectacular plant life grows around them such as citrus trees- like lemons- which makes it a beautiful place to visit. | Which country has more lakes?ItalyWhy is having more lakes a good thing?Italy will benefit from having more lakes than England because the lakes bring in tourists. This means that far more people will travel to Italy each year to visit there 1,500 lakes, whereas England only have 387 so not as many people will visit. Tourism is a good thing because it helps countries to make money. Also, because Italy’s lakes have a nicer climate, they are more likely to attract tourists as people probably wouldn’t want to visit England’s lakes on a rainy day! |
| **Rivers** | What is the name of England’s largest river?ThamesHow long is it?346,000m Which big city was built on this river?LondonWhy was the city built on this river?The river was used for many important jobs like washing, and getting water, but also as an extremely important trade route where boats could import and export goods to the capital | What is the name of the largest river in Italy?PoHow long is it?652,000mWhat are the name of some of the cities on the river?Turin, Piacenza, and Ferrara, and it is connected to MilanWhy were the cities built on the river?These cities have used the water from the river for farming, drinking, and industry | Both England and Italy have very large rivers. What have both countries built all along their rivers?Major cities Why do you think both countries decided to do this?The cities in both countries needed to be close to the rivers so they could use it easily for important jobs such as:* Washing
* Drinking
* Farming
* Trading goods
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| **Volcanoes** | England has no active volcanoes! | What is an active volcano?A volcano which could erupt at any timeHow many active volcanoes does Italy have and what are they called?3: Etna, Vesuvius, StromboliWhat is something good about the volcanoes in Italy?The volcanic soil around volcanoes is very fertile and great for growing crops. People are also very interested in seeing the volcanoes so they bring a lot of tourists to ItalyWhat is something bad about the volcanoes in Italy?When they erupt they can do terrible things like destroy towns and cities and kill people | What is the biggest difference between England and Italy when it comes to volcanoes?!England does not have any active volcanoes whereas Italy has 3!Do you think it would be better or worse if England had some active volcanoes?It would be worse as, if they erupted, they could do lots of damage to the country and potentially kill lots of people. However, it could be a good thing as it would bring more tourist to England which would help the country to make more money.  |
| **Coast** | How much coastline does England have?8982kmWhich seas are around England?The North Sea to the east, The English Channel to the south, and The Celtic and Irish seas to the west.Why might people only visit the coast in England during the summer months? People like to visit beaches on a sunny day, or when there is not likely to be any rain. Also, the water around the coast would be too cold to go into in the winter but it’s usually quite warm in the summer. | How much coastline does Italy have?7,600kmWhich seas are around Italy?The Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian SeasWhy are the coasts of Italy a good holiday destination?It doesn’t rain much so it would be nice to visit the beaches, and the water is 26⁰c so it would be lovely and warm for a swim! | England and Italy both have a similarly large amount of coastline. The coast is somewhere people like to go on holiday, as they like to go to the beaches. Even though we have a similar amount of coastline, why do you think more people visit Italy’s beaches for their holiday? More people will visit Italy’s beaches because their weather is more reliable. It isn’t likely to rain during the summer months in Italy so people can visit the beaches and they can swim in the sea, which will be lovely and warm. In England, we get rain even in the summer, so people don’t go to our beaches as much. |