

Italy Quiz: Questions

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Italy Quiz: Answers

1. What is Italy's current population (to the nearest million)?

60,231,214 (2009 estimate) – making it the 23rd largest country in the world. Italy passed the 60 million mark in 2008.

2. What is the literal meaning of 'salami'?

Salted or cured meat (including air-dried meat). Salami can be kept for up to 10 years at room temperature and longer if chilled. It solves the problem of how to preserve meat.

3. What are the two main toppings on a Pizza Margherita? (One point for each).

Cheese and tomato.

4. What is the 'Cosa Nostra' otherwise known as?

The Sicilian Mafia as compared to, for example, the *Camorra* (Neopolitan Mafia).

5. Which two countries are entirely surrounded by Italy? (One point for each)

San Marino and Vatican City.

6. Which city is home to the Italian car maker FIAT (and figured in the film 'The Italian Job'?)

Turin.

7. In which city would you find Leonardo da Vinci's painting of 'The Last Supper'? (Clue: It is also Italy's largest metropolitan area by size and population).

Milan.

8. In what year were the Italian kingdoms and city states unified into a single country?

1861 (17th March).

9. Which Italian leader gave his name to a flat sandwich biscuit filled with currants?

Garibaldi. The biscuit is also known as 'squashed flies' or other derogatory names.

10. How many official regions are there at present in Italy?

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Libya.

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