Italy

Land and Economy
The country of Italy is in southern Europe. The islands of Sicily and Sardinia are part of Italy. Much of the land in Italy is hills and mountains.

Climate and Resources
Northern Italy has cold winters and warm summers. Southern Italy has mild winters and hot summers. In both regions, it is colder in the mountains. Although Italy has coal, oil, and natural gas, it lacks some resources. As a result, Italy buys some goods from other countries.

Italy’s Economy
Most of Italy’s workers have jobs in the service and manufacturing industries. Many of the goods Italy manufactures are sold to other countries. Italy’s economy is a market economy. Workers choose the jobs they will have. Producers decide what to make and what to charge for their products. Consumers decide what to buy.

Tourism
An important part of Italy’s service industry is tourism. Millions of people visit the country each year to enjoy its climate and learn about its history and culture. Visitors come to see beautiful geographic features of Italy, such as the Italian Alps and the Amalfi Coast.