

# Where is Italy?

Italy is in the continent of Europe and is bordered by Austria, France and Switzerland.

The capital city of Italy is Rome. Rome was home to the Ancient Romans, whose civilisation grew into a huge empire.



What are human features?

What are physical features?

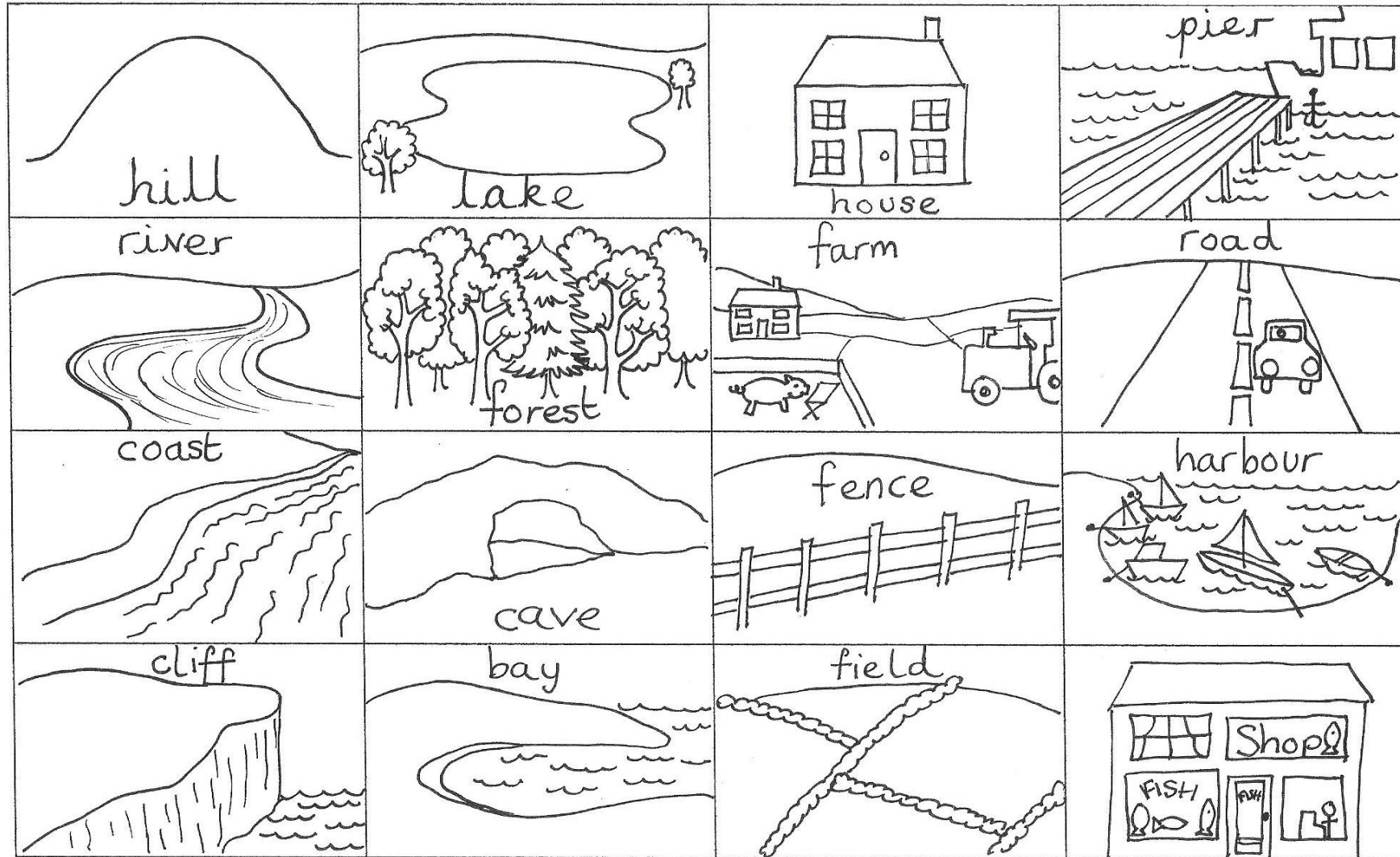
# What Are Physical And Human Features?

Physical Features describe the natural environment of a place.




Human Features are ways in which people have made changes to the land. For example, a motorway, statue or pier are features built by humans which have altered the way it looks.

Can you sort out the human and physical features?








Italy is very mountainous with mountains covering a third of the country. Its most famous mountain ranges are the Alps, the Dolomites and the Appenines. Italy's tallest mountain is Mont Blanc, which towers 4810m tall. Italy has 8 mountains over 4000m tall.



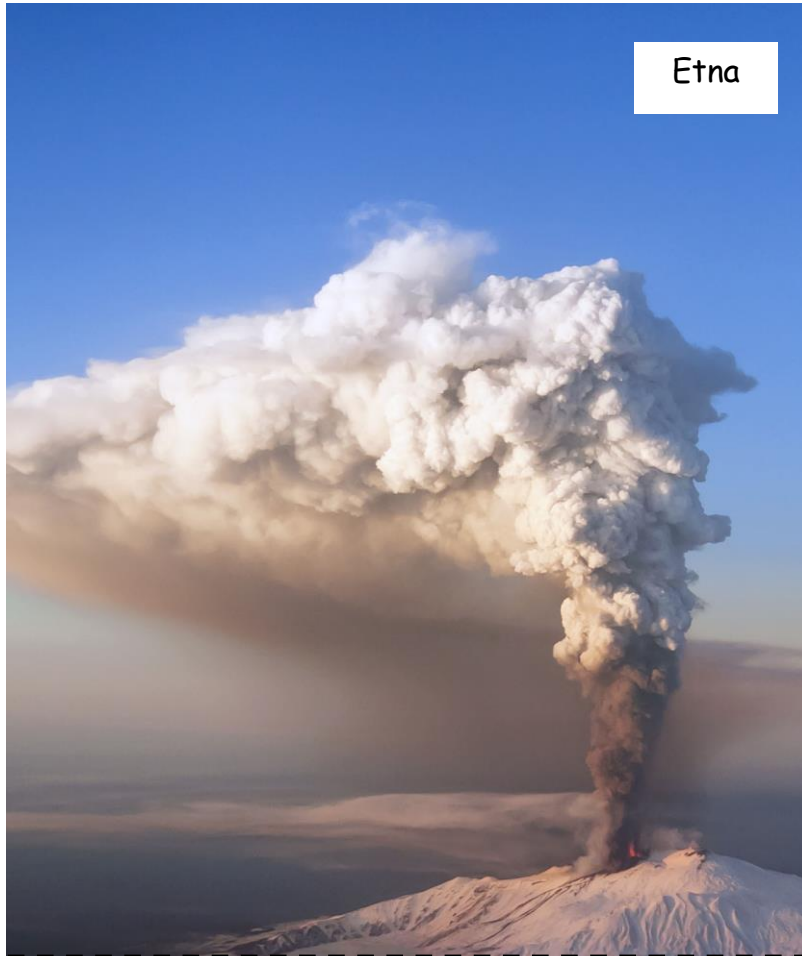
An aerial photograph of the River Po in Italy, showing a wide, winding river cutting through a dense grid of agricultural fields. The fields are in various shades of green, yellow, and brown, indicating different crops and stages of growth. The river is a prominent blue feature, with several meanders and a large loop in the upper right. The overall scene is a typical representation of the Po Valley's agricultural landscape.

The River Po is the largest river in Italy at 652,000 metres long. The river flows through many important Italian cities, including Turin, Piacenza, and Ferrara, and it is connected to Milan through a net of water channels called navigli. These cities have used the water from the rivers for farming, drinking, and industry.





Vesuvius



Etna



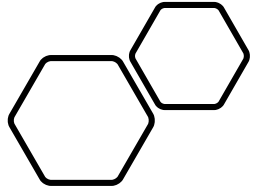
Italy has 3 active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Stromboli and Etna (shown in red on the map). This means that they could erupt at any time. The volcanic soil around volcanoes is very fertile and great for growing crops. Mount Vesuvius is famous for the destruction of the Roman town of Pompeii in 79 BC. Italy has 15 volcanoes in total.



There are about 1,500 lakes in Italy. Some of these are formed in the craters of extinct volcanoes. The largest and most important of the Italian lakes are Lakes Garda (370 km<sup>2</sup>) and Como (146 km<sup>2</sup>), which are in the north of Italy near the city of Milan. These lakes are in a hot climate, surrounded by olive and citrus trees.







Including islands, Italy has a total coastline of 7,600 kilometres, with a mixture of rocky and white sand beaches. Italy is surrounded by the Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian Seas. The sea water reaches 26 degrees Celsius in the summer, which makes it a great holiday destination.







Italy has a population of 60.7 million people. Italy's largest city is Rome with 2.8 million people. Three other cities, Milan, Naples and Turin, also have more than a million people.



Venice's streets are made of water!



Rome has thousands of years of history!

