

Italian Culture: Language, Religion, and Traditions

Your Name:

1. Approximately what percentage of people in Italy primarily speak Italian?

- A. 65%
- B. 95%
- C. 77%
- D. 87%

2. Catholicism significantly influences public holidays and laws in Italy.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Besides Catholicism, name one other religious community that has grown in Italy due to immigration.

4. Many holidays in Italy are derived from , such as Christmas and Easter.

5. Which of the following customs is associated with New Year's Eve celebrations in Italy?

- A. Eating panettone
- B. Exchanging chocolate eggs
- C. Wearing red underwear for luck
- D. Wearing green for good luck

6. Italy's constitution does not guarantee freedom of religion.

- A. True
- B. False

7. What is the name of the mid-summer festival in Italy that is rooted in ancient Roman times and celebrated on August 15th?

8. The Italian language's standardized form is based on the dialect.

9. Approximately what percentage of Italians identify as Catholic?

- A. 30%
- B. 50%
- C. 95%
- D. 80%

10. Christmas Eve dinner in Italy traditionally includes meat dishes.

- A. True
- B. False

11. What is the name of the witch-like figure who delivers gifts on Epiphany in Italy?

12. is Italy's version of Mardi Gras, celebrated with masks and costumes, most famously in Venice.

13. Which of the following is NOT a key feature of the Italian language?

- A. Rich variety of regional dialects
- B. Alphabet with 21 letters
- C. Non-phonetic spelling
- D. Melodic, vowel-rich sound

14. Since 1984, Catholicism remains the state religion of Italy.

- A. True
- B. False

15. Name two regional dishes linked to Italian religious celebrations.

16. The custom of creating elaborate nativity scenes began in Italy, credited to St. Francis of in the 13th century.

17. Match the following Italian greetings with their English translations:

1. A. Good evening
Ciao
2. B. Good morning
Buongiorno
3. C. Hello/Goodbye
Grazie
4. D. Thank you
Buonasera

18. Which saint's blood is believed to liquefy and protect Naples from disaster?

- A. Saint Nicholas
- B. Saint John the Baptist
- C. San Gennaro
- D. Saint Agatha

19. On Palm Sunday in Italy, only palm branches are blessed and distributed, not olive branches.

- A. True
- B. False

20. What is the name of the town where the statue of St. Dominic is paraded through the streets covered in live snakes?
