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Italy's government may punish the use of English

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Italy may introduce a law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get a fine for using non-Italian words in official communications. Government member Fabio Rampelli is worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." He said English was damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get fined for using English words. The fines could be up to €100,000 (\$110,000).

English has been growing around the world for a century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. English words are in most languages. People are worried this will harm their native language. Not all Italians agree with fines for the use of English. A linguistics society said it disagreed with the idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the number of English words in Italian. Since the year 2000, the number of English words used in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no signs it will stop increasing.

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/2023/04/03/ciao-hello-no-italys-right-wing-government-wants-to-ban-english-words-with-100000-fines>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Italy may introduce | a. instead of English |
| 2. People could | b. using English words |
| 3. using non-Italian words in | c. of English words |
| 4. the growing number | d. to €100,000 |
| 5. our battle for the use of Italian | e. get a fine |
| 6. damaging the | f. a law |
| 7. get fined for | g. official communications |
| 8. The fines could be up | h. Italian language |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. English has been growing | a. language |
| 2. The Internet and | b. amazing 773 per cent |
| 3. English words are in | c. English words |
| 4. this will harm their native | d. stop increasing |
| 5. Not all Italians agree | e. most languages |
| 6. worried about the number of | f. around the world |
| 7. increased by an | g. with fines |
| 8. There are no signs it will | h. social media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Italy may introduce (1) _____ stop people using English words in Italian. People could get (2) _____ using non-Italian words in official communications. Government member Fabio Rampelli is worried about the (3) _____ English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He wrote: "We continue our battle (4) _____ of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." He said English was damaging the Italian language. He wants people (5) _____ for using English words. The fines could (6) _____ €100,000 (\$110,000).

English has been growing around the (7) _____ century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. English (8) _____ most languages. People are worried this will harm their native language. Not all Italians agree with fines for (9) _____ English. A linguistics society said it disagreed with the idea. Other people support the fines. They (10) _____ the number of English words in Italian. Since the year 2000, the number of English words (11) _____ Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no (12) _____ stop increasing.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ENGLISH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about English in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

