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**Level 1 – 6th April 2023**

## **Italy's government may punish the use of English**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania-1.html>

Italy wants to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get a fine for using non-Italian words. A government spokesperson is worried about the growth of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English." He said English was damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get fined up to €100,000 for using English words.

English has spread around the world for a century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. People are worried this will harm their language. Not all Italians like having fines. A linguistics society disagreed with them. Other people like the idea. They are worried about the spread of English. Since the year 2000, the number of English words used in Italian has increased by 773 per cent. There are no signs this will stop.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Italy wants to             | a. spokesperson     |
| 2. using English              | b. to €100,000      |
| 3. People could get a         | c. of English words |
| 4. A government               | d. words in Italian |
| 5. worried about the growth   | e. of English       |
| 6. He called it "             | f. stop people      |
| 7. the use of Italian instead | g. Anglomania"      |
| 8. get fined up               | h. fine             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. English has spread around the | a. by 773 per cent     |
| 2. The Internet and              | b. worried             |
| 3. People are                    | c. this will stop      |
| 4. this will                     | d. of English          |
| 5. Other people                  | e. world for a century |
| 6. worried about the spread      | f. like the idea       |
| 7. increased                     | g. social media        |
| 8. There are no signs            | h. harm their language |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania-1.html>

Italy (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people using English words in Italian. People could get (2) \_\_\_\_\_ using non-Italian words. A government spokesperson (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He wrote: "We continue (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the use of Italian instead of English." He said English (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Italian language. He wants people (6) \_\_\_\_\_ up to €100,000 for using English words.

English (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world for a century. The Internet and social media have (8) \_\_\_\_\_. People are worried this (9) \_\_\_\_\_ language. Not all Italians like having fines. A linguistics society disagreed with them. Other people (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They are worried about the spread of English. Since the year 2000, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ English words used in Italian has increased by 773 per cent. There (12) \_\_\_\_\_ this will stop.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ENGLISH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230406-anglomania-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

