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Italy's government may punish the use of English – 6th April 2023

## Level 0

Italy's government may fine people for using English words in Italian. A spokesperson is worried that "Anglomania" will damage the Italian language. He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English." He wants people to be fined up to €100,000 for using English words.

The Internet and social media have spread English all around the world. People are worried this will harm their own language. An Italian language group disagreed with fines. Other people like them. Since 2000, the number of English words used in Italian has increased by 773 per cent. There are no signs this will stop.

## Level 1

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.

## Level 2

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.

## Level 3

Italy's ruling party may introduce a new law to stop people using English words in Italian. People could get fined for using English and other non-Italian words in official communications. The idea is from government member Fabio Rampelli. He is worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. He called it "Anglomania". He is unhappy with the word "dispenser". He wrote: "We continue our battle for the use of Italian instead of English. We can't understand why we say 'dispenser'." Mr Rampelli said English is damaging the Italian language. He wants people to get a fine if they use English words. The fines could be between €5,000 and €100,000 (\$5,500 and \$110,000).

English has been increasing around the world for over a century. The Internet and social media have increased its use. Most languages now use English words. Many people are concerned that English is harming their native language. However, not all Italians agree with having fines for the use of English. A top Italian linguistics society, the Accademia della Crusca, said it totally disagreed with Mr Rampelli's idea. Other people support the fines. They are worried about the growing number of English words in Italian. They say that since the year 2000, the number of English words in use in the Italian language has increased by an amazing 773 per cent. There are no signs that this will stop.