Friday 8th January 2021

LO: To write an information text

To include the features of an information text

To use my research to inform my writing

Adverbial Phrases

Adverbial Phrases are groups of words that act like adverbs. They tell you how, why, how often, when or where something happens.

Identify the fronted adverbials in these sentences:

- I arrived at school much earlier than usual.
- He completed his work as quickly as possible.
- I can play the violin better than my brother.
- My sister ate her dinner really eagerly.

Complete these sentences by adding **fronted** adverbials

Fronted adverbials are adverbial phrases which are at the **beginning** of sentences.

E.g. Extremely quietly, I whispered to my sister.

.... she danced.

.... Caroline got wet.

....Jonny peddled his bike.

Read and highlight any facts you would like to use in your information text.

- **Population**: 62 million people live in Italy (2019)
- **Capital**: Roma (Rome), which is often called 'Eternal City', with 2.9 mio inhabitants
- **Name**: Repubblica Italiana (Italian Republic) or simply: Italia, Nickname: 'Bel Paese' which means beautiful country
- **Government**: Democracy, Republic
- **Language**: Italian as well as German, French and Ladin in some regions in Northern Italy
- **Literacy**: More than 98% can read and write
- **Religion**: mainly Christians (80%, of theses most are Roman Catholics)
- **Currency**: 1 Euro = 100 cents, before 2001: Italian Lira

Italy borders six countries: France, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Vatican City and San Marino. Italy is easy to recognize on any world map, as the country is shaped like a high-heeled boot. The country is slightly larger in size than the UK, the Netherlands and Belgium combined and about as big as the state of Arizona/USA. A flight to Italy's capital city Rome takes roughly 2.5 hours from London/England, 8 hours from New York/USA.

Animals In Italy

There are over 4 770 endemic species in Italy, that means species that only exist in Italy. Also one third of all European animal species can be found in Italy and half of the plant species that grow in Europe. In Italy there are about 100 mammal species and over 500 bird species among them the unique Sardinian deer and the Corsican hare. There are 20 national parks in Italy and 16 Marine Reserves to ensure the protection of threatened species such as the Italian shark or the Italian wolf, the national animal.

Food in Italy

- **Pizza**: probably the most famous Italian dish, it was invented in Napoli/Naples around 1860
- **Calzone**: folded up pizza bread filled with tomatoes, ham, cheese and all kinds of filling
- **Pesto**: thick green sauce with olives, herbs and olive oil, pine kernels and parmigiano cheese. Healthy and yummmm!
- **Gelato**: ice-cream is an Italian invention
- **Lasagna**: layered pasta dish with tomato, mozzarella cheese and mince meat filling.

Mozzarella: Italian cheese balls, originally made from buffalo milk

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Tuscany: This is a popular tourist region with scenic countryside. There are lovely medieval towns such as San Gimignano, Lucca or Montepulciano

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We are going to be using our research that we conducted yesterday, to help us write an information text about Italy.

We researched:

Food and drink
Activities
Landmarks
Geographical Facts

What are the features of a non-fiction text?

Title
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Pictures
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Main Task

Use the guide on the next slide to help you write your information text. You are not writing a whole book so do not need to include an index or contents page. REMEMBER: Don't just copy all of your notes, your writing needs to flow and make sense so use conjunctions to link together facts. (E.g. furthermore, additionally, therefore, moreover)

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Italy

Introduction- Give a summary about Italy and include geographical facts. Where is it? How big is Italy? What is the population of Italy? Which countries does it border?

Food and Drink- What delicacies are there in Italy?

Activities- What places can you visit in Italy? What sports do they play? Can you play water sports? Are there beaches?

Landmarks

Can you make these subheadings into rhetorical questions? Make sure you underline with a ruler!