



THE ITALIAN CULTURE

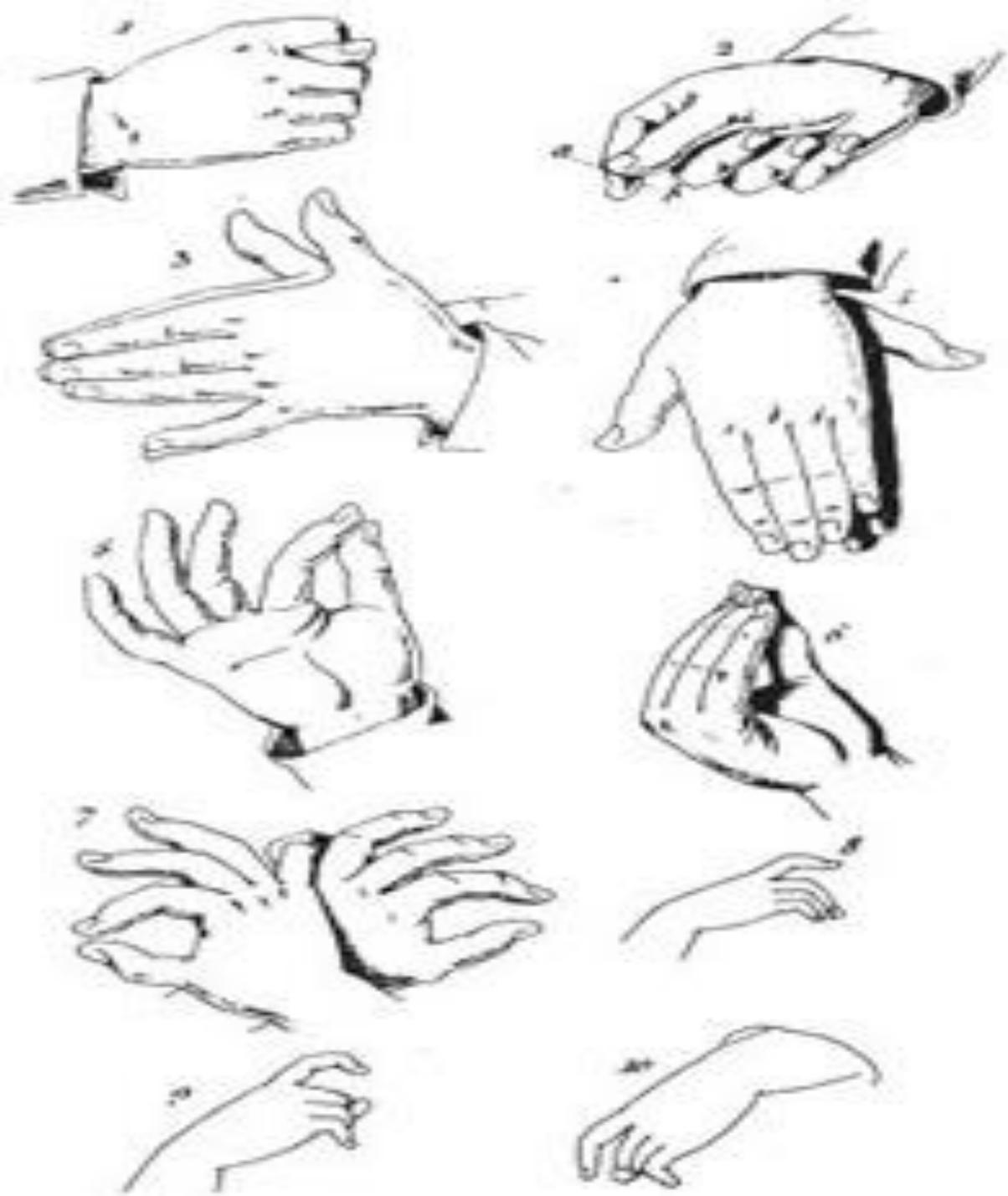
Italians are warm, welcoming people who love to relax, celebrate and socialise with family and friends. Celebration and relaxation usually take place around the table either at home or in a restaurant, where they can enjoy the traditions of the Italian cuisine.



Italians have a passion for talking (loud)...

In Italy conversation is an art form.
As you walk in the streets or stop at a
café in one of the many squares, you
will notice Italians of all ages
engaged in intense and animated
discussion on a wide variety of topics
ranging from family, politics, gossip,
food... but
especially soccer!

(Italians have the habit of gesticulate, they nearly always do it). Here are some examples...



... but we also enjoy eating. Who doesn't know our famous pizza and pasta?



Italy is well known especially for its delicious food: pasta, pizza, Parmesan cheese, tiramisù, tortellini, lasagne and so on...



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**The only time during the day that our piazze
(=squares) and vie (=streets)
may be deserted is around**

**12.30-14.00 and 19.30-21.30, that is when
Italians are home enjoying a meal**



TIPICAL DISHES

according to regions

- Liguria: Trofie al pesto
- Aosta Valley: potatoes flan
- Piedmont: white truffle
- Sicily: cannoli
- Emilia Romagna: tortellini, piadina
- Tuscany: fiorentina
- Umbria: Cantucci
- Marche: salame
- Apulia: taralli
- Campania: pizza, babà.
- Basilicata: Soppresata.
- Abruzzo: maccheroni alla chitarra
- Lazio: carbonara
- Friuli: Gnocchi
- South tyrol: Krapfen
- Veneto: risotto alla trevigiana
- Sardinia: Pecorino
- Molise: fusilli
- Calabria: pasta al forno.
- Lombardia: ossobuco alla milanese



Italy has also a great and unique cultural heritage.



The Colosseum, Rome

Pisa's bending tower



The Cathedral in Milan



The ancient town
of Pompeii, just to
mention a few



There are so many other breathless sights...
Italy is very rich in cultural heritage!

If you are lucky (because travelling in Italy is rather expensive) you should visit Italy and enjoy the beauty of our Country.

BUON VIAGGIO!!!

(= enjoy your journey throughout Italy)

True or False?

1. Pizza was "invented" in Naples around 1860s. T F
2. Almost 40% of Italy's population is over 65 years old. T F
3. The piano hails from Italy. T F
4. Today's modern Italian originated in the region of Piedmont. T F
5. Italy is the fifth most visited country in the world, welcoming some 46 million foreign visitors annually. T F
6. There are over 140 types of pasta T F
7. The oldest film festival in the world, beginning in 1932, is the Venice Film Festival. T F

Solutions.

1.true.

2.false. (20%)

3.true.

4.false. (Tuscany)

5.true.

6.True

7.true