### My country- Italy

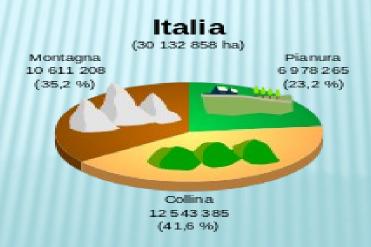
ITALY IS A PENINSULA THAT STRETCHES OUT OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. IT IS BORDERED TO THE NORTH BY FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND SLOVENIA, IT IS LAPPED BY THE TYRRHENIAN SEA TO THE WEST, BY THE IONIAN SEA TO THE SOUTH, AND BY THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE EAST.TWO ISLANDS, SICILY AND SARDINIA, ARE PART OF ITALY, TOO.



# THE MOUNTAINS

The mountain ranges extend for most of the nation. The Alps are a mountain range located on the northern border of Italy.

The highest peaks are found in the Western Alps (some are the Matterhorn, Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa.) The Apennine mountain chain runs down the peninsula, from Liguria to Sicily- the Gran Sasso in Abruzzo is its highest peak



#### THE ALPS







#### THE PLAINS

Only a quarter of the Italian territory is made up of plains, and the Padana plain, an expanse of the River Po and its affluents, is the largest of all. Below, the Tavoliere delle Puglie and the Salento Plain.





### RIVERS, AND LAKES

Thanks to the presence of several mountain ranges, with snowfields and glaciers, of lakes and spring waters, Italy is rich in waterways. The longest and far-reaching rivers belong to the Alpine region while the Apennine rivers, with the exception of the Tiber and Arno, ran short. The most important river is the Po, which crosses the Padana plain. The largest Italian lakes are the lake of Garda, Lake Maggiore and Lake Como.

# THE RIVER PO







