**Task 2:** Read the fact files on England and Italy (see below). Use the information to note down similarities and differences between the two countries. Feel free to do your own research in order to add more information!

Comparing Italy and England		
Similarities	Differences	

**Extension:** Use your ideas to write up a comparison using full sentences. You could write one paragraph on differences, and one paragraph on similarities. Use the vocabulary below to help:

In compa	arison	Alternatively
Although	Similarly	On the other hand However
·	In contrast In the same way	

## Italy

Population: Approximately

60 million (2019)

Capital City: Rome

Language: Italian, although French and German are spoken in the far north by many people.

Continent: Europe

Currency: Euro

Government:

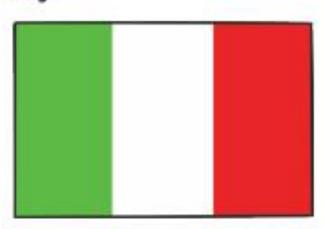
Unitary constitutional parliamentary Republic

National Day: 2 June 1946

Religion: Mainly Christian

Famous Italians: Giuseppe Mazzini, politician; Michelangelo Bonarroti, painter; Galileo Galilei, scientist; Leonardo Da Vinci, artist and inventor, Rita Levi Montalcini, Nobel Prize in Medicine

Flag:



Climate: Four seasons (spring, summer, autumn and winter).

Conditions on the coastal areas can be very different from the interior's higher ground and valleys, particularly during the winter months when the higher altitudes tend to be cold, wet, and often snowy. The coastal regions have mild winters and warm and generally dry summers, although lowland valleys can be quite hot in summer.

## England

Population: Approximately 56

million (2018)

Capital City: London

Language: English

Continent: Europe

Currency: Pound Sterling

Government: Liberal

Democracy constitutional

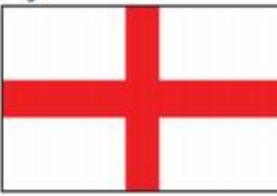
monarchy

National Day: 23rd April

Religion: Christian

Famous English: David Beckham, footballer; Emma Watson, actor; William Shakespeare, writer; Stephen Hawking, scientist; Rita Ada Lovelace, mathematician and writer.







Climate: Four seasons (spring, summer, autumn and winter).

The climate in England is called temperate maritime, which means the climate is mild. Temperatures will not go far below 0°C in winter and not much above 32°C in summer.

England is warmer and sunnier than the other countries that make up the United Kingdom.

The south coast of England has the least cloud cover, while mountainous areas, alongside the north and west of England, experience more cloud cover.