

COVID-19 Breaking News English

Italy mayors scold people not following lockdown



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Listening — Listen and fill in the gaps

Mayors in Italy (1) _____ to make sure people follow lockdowns. All of Italy (2) _____. It is one of the countries worst affected by COVID-19. Italy has over 80,000 (3) _____. There have also been 8,215 deaths. This is the most of any country in the world. All of Italy is under lockdown but not everyone is (4) _____. There are videos online of mayors (5) _____ streets telling people to go home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been fined for being out without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world (6) _____.

Some mayors are (7) _____ on social media. One said he (8) _____ people walking dogs many times a day. He said: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You (9) _____ home. People are dying....You are irresponsible idiots." The president of Italy's (10) _____ said: "Too many people are still out and about." Italy's Prime Minister said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the survival of the social and (11) _____ our country is at stake." Italians started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to (12) _____.

Phrase Matching

Paragraph 1

1. taking action to make sure people
2. Italy has over 80,000 cases
3. the most of any country
4. not everyone is following
5. videos online of mayors going
6. telling people to
7. fined for being out without
8. Three-quarters of the world

- a. go home
- b. the rules
- c. is in lockdown
- d. of infections
- e. a good reason
- f. follow lockdowns
- g. into the streets
- h. in the world

Paragraph 2

1. posting angry messages
2. he was tired of people
3. incontinent
4. You are irresponsible
5. Too many people are still
6. a worldwide trend
7. from their
8. cheer

- a. dogs
- b. of singing
- c. idiots
- d. people up
- e. walking dogs
- f. balcony
- g. on social media
- h. out and about