CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD

A Reading

1 **Match the words to the correct definitions.**

passionate	expressive	informally	stroll
head to	a nap	common	punctuality

a. a short sleep, often in the afternoon _____

b. casually / in a relaxed and friendly manner or situation _____

c. a relaxing walk _____

d. go to / be on the way to _____

e. normal or usual _____

f. showing emotion with body language _____

g. being on time _____

h. showing strong feelings _____

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2 **Read the text and match the headings to the paragraphs.**

The Afternoon Nap	Late Dining	Passionate People
Slow Life	Meeting and Greeting	Looking Good

Visitors are often shocked at how loud the Italians are. They also tend to move their arms around a lot when talking, too. This doesn't mean they are angry, just passionate. You might also be shocked at how friendly the Italians are, especially if you speak a little bit of the language. Italians aren't just loud and expressive. They are loud, expressive, and super friendly!

It's common in Italy to kiss friends on both cheeks when greeting them, or even if meeting someone for the first time informally. It's right cheek, left cheek, and back to the right! Don't be shy!





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It's important for Italians to look their best, even when going grocery shopping or running to the post office. The afternoon stroll is the perfect example of this. You might assume everyone is headed to a party when actually they are just going for a walk.

Many shops and businesses in Italy close from noon or 1:00 pm to about 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm. Everyone goes home for a nice, long lunch, then it's time for a nap. Italians then go back to work for a few hours before closing around 7:00 pm to enjoy dinner.



Eating late is very common in Italy. Dinnertime is rarely before 8:00 pm, in fact, it's often later than that in the summer months. If you go out to a restaurant, it's best to wait until at least 7:30 or 8:00 pm, or it might not even be open yet!

Italians like to enjoy life, just sitting back and people-watching while sipping espresso. You might wonder if they ever actually work! It's also true that punctuality isn't that important to Italians, so if you arrange to meet someone, don't be surprised if they turn up half an hour late.

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3 **Read the text again more slowly and answer the questions.**

a. What are Italian people like according to the text?

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b. How do they greet their friends?

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c. Do Italians only dress well when they are going to a party?

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d. What is a normal Italian workday like?

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e. Do you think Italians have stressful lives?

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f. Is it important to be on time when meeting friends in Italy?

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