



# European Culture: *Italy*



Italy is a boot-shaped country in the South of Europe. Today, we will learn a little more about the tragedy of Pompeii when the volcano Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD.

1. Read the story on page 31 of your English book. Circle the correct tense.

- a) Pliny were living / was living with his mother.
- b) Pliny's uncle was worrying / is worrying about his friends.
- c) The ground were shaking / was shaking because of the volcano.
- d) Many people were leaving / was leaving Pompeii.
- e) When Pliny's uncle were waiting / was waiting to return home, Vesuvius erupting again.

2. Watch the video and complete the sentences in **past continuous**.

- a) Many people (live) were living in Pompeii in 79 AD.
- b) Scientists (study) \_\_\_\_\_ Pompeii in the 16th Century.
- c) Some families (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ when Vesuvius erupted.
- d) We can see food and shops from where people (live) \_\_\_\_\_ in 79 AD.
- e) People (shopping) \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplace and some people (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ when the city was covered in ash.