

Where to Invade Next - 1st Target - Italy • 2015 US c.3 min. 05:21-08:24

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- **grammar points:** present perfect, wouldn't, past perfect, passive, can't
 - **phrasal verbs:** shut up, shut-down, get married, go on your honeymoon, go on holiday
 - **idioms:** hitch a ride, make my/your way to, it is/was time, look like, department store, just, like, you know, plus, what does "something" mean?, money left over, that's the way, what good is something?
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Michael Moore:

I **hitched a ride** aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan and **made my way to** my first target - the country of Italy. **It was time** - to invade.

Have you ever noticed that Italians always **look like** they've just had sex?

Meet Gianni and Cristina Fancelli, two working-class Italians.

Gianni is a cop and Cristina orders clothes for **department stores**.

It was my first encounter with the enemy.

They led me to their compound where they **wouldn't shut up** about where they **had gone** on vacation.

Cristina:

We usually plan one week during the winter, and then the first week of June...

MM:

Right.

Cristina:

because it's our anniversary.

MM:

Okay.

Cristina:

Then three weeks in August.

MM:

Okay.

Cristina:

'Cause in Italy, during the month of August is usually, **like**, a **shut-down**.

MM:

And **are you paid** for these weeks?

Cristina:

Yeah, sure, because every year we usually have, **like**, 30, 35 days of, **you know**, holiday.

MM:
Paid holiday...?

Cristina:
Yeah. We don't pay.

MM:
So, wait, that's five days a week, that's seven weeks.

Cristina:
Plus, we have the national holidays.

MM:
How many are there of those?

Gianni:
Dodici.

Cristina:
12? 12 days.

MM:
So, that's another week or two.

Gianni:
Più c'è il Santo Patrono.

Cristina:
Ah, each city has a saint patron.

MM:
Patron saint, yeah.

Cristina:
It's a city holiday.

MM:
You're paid for this date?

Cristina:
Yes.

MM:
Yes.

Cristina:
And when you get married, you have 15 days more.

MM:

Yeah. 15. . .wait a minute.

Cristina:

15.

MM:

When you **get married**, you have 15 days of paid holiday?

Cristina:

To **go on (your) honeymoon**.

MM:

To pay for your honeymoon?

Cristina:

Yes.

MM:

They pay for your honeymoon?

Cristina:

Yes.

MM:

Eight weeks' paid vacation.

Cristina:

In December, we have an additional salary in Italy. Most...I think everybody.

MM:

What does additional mean?

Cristina:

We call it 13th because 12 months. So, we have the 13th salary in December.

MM:

Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Cristina:

Yes.

MM:

You **get** this 13th month, this imaginary month that you didn't work...

Cristina:

Yes.

MM:

and then you **get** another salary during the month of December.

Like, what, 10% more? 20?

Cristina:

No, no, a full salary.

MM:

So, you **get** two months' pay for one month of work?

Cristina:

Yes.

MM:

Why? - Your regular pay is to pay the monthly bills.

What **money** do you have **left over** to **go on vacation**?

That's the way the Italians see it.

What good is a vacation if you **can't** afford to **go on** it?