

## Practice

### 1 Add the necessary commas, (semi) colons and apostrophes to these texts.

I've been to the following Italian cities Rome Florence Genoa and Pisa. I thought Rome was incredible the food was great the views were fantastic and I will never forget the vivacious people. The Italians' legendary hospitality was nowhere more evident than in the capital city. But my all-time favourite is probably Genoa with its fabulous hill-top houses and its dusty mountains reverberating to the sound of grasshoppers. I spent many a happy hour looking down on the seething city below and the sea beyond. Best of all the city's location at the heart of the Italian Riviera meant that fabulous resorts like Portofino and Camogli were only a train ride away.

Water is becoming a more and more precious commodity so save as much as you can. Flushing the toilet accounts for a third of all household water use so don't flush wastefully. If you are only getting rid of a tissue for example resist the habit of reaching for the handle or chain. Take a shower rather than a bath it uses about a third of the water. And don't keep the water running all the time when you wash or clean your teeth. If you have a garden try to find ways of saving water outside such as using a water butt to collect rain water rather than using a hosepipe to water your flowers. A simple pipe connecting external gutters to a water butt can save an awful lot of water.

### 2 For each pair of sentences, find two words with the same sound but different spelling.

a) I cannot .....<sup>bear</sup>..... to see any animal suffering.

The giant pulled the roof off the house with his .....<sup>bare</sup>..... hands.

b) As soon as the policeman was out of ..... , one of the men broke a window.

This spot you are standing on was once the ..... of a great battle.

c) The dress showed off Maria's beautiful slender .....

Quite frankly, this whole scheme has been a ..... of time and money.

d) In the novel, Cruz is a clever servant who always ..... through his master's plots.

Armed police were sent to the house to ..... the gang's weapons.

e) Mix the apples and almonds into a fine ..... and pour it into a jug.

The Inspector ..... up and down the room, considering his next move.