

# Boboli Gardens in Florence

**1 Read and complete the text with the words in the box. Be careful: three words are not necessary.**

area • century • copies • element • green • hill • maintenance • meadows • original • palace • panoramic • plant-life • provide • stages • wife

The Gardens that extend from the **1.** ..... behind the Pitti Palace as far as Porta Romana reached their current extension and appearance, becoming one of the largest and most elegant Italian-style gardens, through several **2.** ..... of enlargement and restructuring works, carried out at different times. The first works initially involved the **3.** ..... that was closer to the **4.** ....., after the building had been purchased by Cosimo I de' Medici and by his **5.** ....., Eleonora, who had chosen this place for new Grand Ducal Palace. The Medici and the Lorraine families continued to enrich and enlarge the garden also in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Besides adding lovely **6.** ....., avenues, small groves and beautiful **7.** ..... views, they made the garden more precious by including extraordinary decorative complexes, thus forming an outdoor museum that exhibited both Roman and 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> **8.** ..... statues. These historical gardens require constant restoration and maintenance. A schedule has therefore been established which **9.** ..... for their seasonal, and long-term care through periodic renovation and **10.** .....

Moreover, the need to safeguard the sculptural works from degradation by atmospheric agents and vandalism often requires housing the **11.** ..... sculptures indoors and replacing them with **12.** ..... for display. Thus, the gardens' furnishings are necessarily in a constantly changing state.

**2 Read the text again and complete.**

- 1. City .....
- 2. Location .....
- 3. Owner .....
- 4. Works in the past .....
- 5. Gardens maintenance .....
- 6. Protection of sculptures .....

grove: *boschetto, gruppo di alberi*  
 to house: *alloggiare*  
 to purchase: *acquistare*  
 schedule: *programma*

