

• Reading Comprehension 3 Level 5

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Many people who are looking to get a pet dog get a puppy. There are many reasons why people get puppies. After all, puppies are cute, friendly, and playful. But even though puppies make good pets, there are good reasons why you should consider getting an adult dog instead.

When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to **behave**. You have to make sure that the puppy is **housebroken** so that it does not go to the bathroom inside the house. You have to teach the puppy not to jump up on your guests or chew on your shoes. You have to train the puppy to walk on a leash. This is a lot of work.

On the other hand, when you get an adult dog, there is a good chance that it will already know how to do all of the previously mentioned things. Many adult dogs have already been housebroken. Many adult dogs will not jump on or chew things that you do not want them to jump on or chew. Many adult dogs will be able to walk on a leash without pulling you to the other side of the street.

Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all of the time. This can be fun, but you might not want to play as much as your puppy does. Puppies will not always sleep through the night or let you **relax** as you watch television.

On the other hand, most adult dogs will wait on you to play. What is more, they will sleep when you are sleeping and are happy to watch television on the couch right beside you.

There is one last reason why you should get an adult dog instead of a puppy. When most people go to the pound to get a dog, they get a puppy. This means that **many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes**. So if you are looking to get a dog for a pet, you should think about getting an adult dog. They are good pets who need good homes.

Questions

- 1) The author apparently thinks that puppies are
 - A. bad pets because they take too much work to own
 - B. **friendly, playful, and a lot of work**
 - C. not as cute as adult dogs
 - D. not as playful as adult dogs

- 2) As used in paragraph 2, which is the best synonym for **behave**?
 - A. listen
 - B. understand
 - C. train
 - D. **act**

- 3) The main purpose of paragraph 2 is to explain how puppies
 - A. are very immature
 - B. do not make good pets
 - C. can be very destructive
 - D. **are a lot of work**

- 4) As used in paragraph 2, which is the best example of a dog that is **housebroken**?
- A. Spot goes outside to use the bathroom.
 - B. Rex always breaks things inside of the house.
 - C. Rover never jumps on guests.
 - D. Muffin chews on people's shoes.
- 5) According to the passage, why are adult dogs easier to take care of than puppies?
- I. Puppies need to learn how to walk nicely on a leash.
 - II. Adult dogs have less energy than puppies do.
 - III. It is harder for adult dogs to find a home than it is for puppies.
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 6) Based on information in the passage, which of the following statements is false?
- A. Puppies have a lot of energy.
 - B. Puppies need a lot of attention.
 - C. Adult dogs do not like to play.
 - D. Adult dogs do not need eat very much.
- 7) As used in paragraph 4, which is the best synonym for **relax**?
- A. work
 - B. leave
 - C. play
 - D. rest
- 8) The author begins paragraphs 3 and 5 with the phrase, "On the other hand." This phrase is used to
- A. highlight an example
 - B. contrast previous information
 - C. contradict a later statement
 - D. support the upcoming paragraph
- 9) In the final paragraph, the author says, "many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes." Based on what you have read in the passage, why is this most likely the case?
- A. People see adult dogs as unhappy and dangerous, while they see puppies as cute and friendly.
 - B. People understand that most adult dogs still need to a lot of training before they understand how to behave properly.
 - C. People think that puppies are cute and playful and do not always think about how much work it will take to train them.
 - D. People do not want to get a dog that does not have much time left to live.
- 10) Based on information in the passage, it can be understood that someone who owns a puppy must be
- A. strict
 - B. serious
 - C. careful
 - D. responsible

• Sentence Completion 1 Level 7

Directions: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Despite the unfavorable attention brought on by some critics, the press had _____ effect on the campaign overall.
A. a beneficial
B. a neutral
C. an inert
D. a destructive
E. a harmful
2. Although Kate's report on her scientific findings was lengthy, the presentation she held was rather _____.
A. brief
B. thorough
C. mundane
D. straightforward
E. elaborate
3. The new building was expansive; its _____ foundation allowed for wider hallways than its predecessor.
A. shallow
B. small
C. broad
D. thin
E. fancy
4. The famous pop singer tragically died at age thirty-two; it was an _____ event for all his many fans, but it was especially hard on his most _____ fans.
A. unthinkable ... healthy
B. amazing ... dubious
C. appalling ... devoted
D. appreciated ... strange
E. emotional ... heavy
5. It is no secret that prison can be rather _____; grim conditions and severe treatment have been known to _____ even the most hardened criminals.
A. cruel ... entertain
B. harsh ... dishearten
C. pleasant ... encourage
D. awful ... satisfy
E. horrendous ... soothe
6. Unlike the misleading television documentary, the biography was _____.
A. interesting
B. accurate
C. fantastic
D. phony
E. false
7. According to clinicians, psychopaths are _____: that is, they are intentionally violent and mean.
A. sympathetic
B. timid
C. polite
D. vicious
E. infrequent
8. The doctor takes note of any _____ marks on the patient's skin, because such abnormalities often indicate the presence of skin cancer.
A. irregular
B. typical
C. ordinary
D. invisible
E. common