

Read Text A and answer the following questions:

1. After reading the passage, what are the features of a balanced argument embedded in the passage? List three features.

Topic Title / for and against body paragraphs/ connecting words

2. How do you infer that some people are proponents of allowing children to have pets? Quote from the passage.

“Some people think that there are many benefits for allowing children to look after a pet since it is a good way to help children learn about life.”

3. The author referred to critics who have concerns about looking after a pet. List their argument mentioning their concerns.

Critics argue that children are very busy and they do not have the time needed to look after a pet, so it ends up being left to the adults in the family. They were also concerned that the busyness of the families may lead to negligence of animals.

4. It has been argued that children are unable to provide the care that these animals require. Change the sentence from the passive to active voice.

People have argued that children are unable to provide the care that these animals require.

5. From the passage, find the following:

a) Conjunction :

On the other hand

b) Rhetorical question:

Should children really be allowed to keep their own pets?

c) A word that means ‘fully developed’ person

‘Rounded’ person