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Ms. KRUCHIN: So, Mrs. Sugimoto. How do you like the R.E.A.D.[®] program?
Is it different from what you

_____ ^{1.} expected _____?

Mrs. SUGIMOTO: Yes! It's a lot of fun. I never thought it was possible
for reading to be relaxing for my daughter, but the
dogs are so cute and really good listeners. When she

_____ on the dogs, she
doesn't _____ ^{2.} _____ as much.

Ms. KRUCHIN: I'm so happy she likes to

_____ ^{3.} _____ dogs. It sounds like
she feels comfortable with them, and this helps her not to get
nervous when she reads, right?

Mrs. SUGIMOTO: Right. Reading to dogs

_____ ^{4.} _____ her. She knows
they won't make fun of her if she makes a mistake, so she
feels more confident when she reads.

Ms. KRUCHIN: That's amazing! I can see how her

_____ ^{5.} _____ is growing.

Mrs. SUGIMOTO: Thanks. I'm really glad she is

_____ ^{6.} _____ in this program.