

Read the texts and insert a correct letter into a gap. There are a few incorrect variants you don't need to use.

INTRODUCING LAYLA

The main news is that there's a new pet in the family. We don't know what breed she is, but she has beautiful brown and white curly hair and is full of energy. My daughter Suzie asked to adopt her quite a while ago. She had been running wild near the airport for some time because nobody could catch her. 1 ___ The cat and dog shelter looked after her for a few months after that and then let her adopt her.

She's called Layla, she's about seven years old and amazingly sweet. She doesn't bark, except when she has a nightmare, and is very affectionate. My son-in-law was a little concerned about his allergies. 2 ____ In fact he hugs her more than anyone! I just hope they don't leave her alone in the house for too long. I would love to look after her on days when they're both working. If only Jim, my husband, would agree to it. 3 ___

A I don't know why she insists that the house should be neat and tidy 24 hours a day.

B Fortunately, there doesn't seem to be any kind of problem.

C At first she was a little anxious in her new surroundings.

D I hope he understands and supports my intention.

E In the end they had to use some drugged food.

BEING TOGETHER

Sometimes it seems that it's only in the most difficult times that we truly appreciate the people we care for. I've been spending as much time as possible with Dad since I found out about his illness. My flexible work schedule is something to be very glad about in this situation. 1 ___

Although I got upset the first couple of times I saw him looking so tired, I soon realised that despair is just a waste of energy. 2 ___ I am sure he will. At the moment he's in shock, I think. I've realised that one way to be helpful is to cook extra food whenever I make a meal and take it round. Even if he doesn't eat it, Mum will, so it saves her a job. Apart from that, I can hand him the things he needs and put them away afterwards. It's also useful, I think, just to provide company to take his mind off things. We haven't watched so much TV together for years, and it's been nice to do something as a family. I love being around him and appreciate every moment 3____

A In recent years I've been guilty of making only very brief visits.

B I need to show him that I believe he can get stronger.

C It means I can be at my parents' house a lot of the time when Mum is out at work.

D That's something I tell him a lot.

E Everyone has been so kind to me.

LIVEWORKSHEETS