

Listen to the audio as many times as you need to, and then fill in the blanks.

New _____ shows that having a pet dog can help to _____ children's stress. A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA _____ that _____ a dog is a great way to help _____ kids. Researchers _____ at 643 children _____ six and seven over an 18-month _____. They _____ that children who have a pet dog _____ from less stress than children _____ a dog. The researchers said that just twelve _____ of children with pets showed _____ of stress. This _____ with 21 percent of children with no dog. The research will come as no _____ to the parents of children who have a dog. They have always _____ that a dog is great for helping a child's _____ and mental _____.

A researcher said _____ are many things about the research that she is still _____ about. She said she did not know if less _____ children have pet dogs, or if it is the _____ way round and pet dogs _____ children less anxious. She said the research just showed a _____ between pet dogs and children's _____. She said pet dogs help children _____ conversations. This can often be _____ for children to do and can _____ them stress. The researchers also said a pet dog can be a source of _____ for children. The dog can also _____ as a friend to a small child, who _____ the pet all his or her _____ and stories. Sometimes the dog is so _____ that its name can be the first _____ the child speaks.