

**EXERCISE 1** Listen to the conversation. Fill in the blanks with the words you hear.  **1.2**

**A:** I want a dog. My friend has a dog with new puppies. There nine puppies, and they  
1. need a home. The puppies two months old. They so cute. I want \_\_\_\_\_  
2.3. one. Look—this a picture of my favorite puppy.  
4.  
**B:** Dogs a big responsibility.  
**A:** 5. Mom, I nine years old now, and I responsible. I love dogs.  
6.7. They so affectionate. They great friends. And dogs  
8.9. fun.  
**B:** 10. They expensive, too. For example, there the cost of food. 11. 12.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *be* to finish the conversation from Exercise 1. Use contractions wherever possible.

**B:** There also vet bills.  
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**A:** Vet bills?  
**B:** Yes. A vet an animal doctor. Dogs need doctors just like we do. It \_\_\_\_\_  
2.3. important to think about that, too.  
**A:** But the puppies healthy.  
4.  
**B:** You healthy, too. But sometimes you sick and you need a \_\_\_\_\_  
5.6. doctor. Also, your little brother only three years old. He \_\_\_\_\_  
7.8. afraid of dogs. Here another problem: It summer now, so it \_\_\_\_\_  
9. 10. easy to take the dog out. But in winter, it so cold.  
**A:** 11. 12.  
**B:** Please, Mom. \_\_\_\_\_  
Let me think about it. I have to talk to Dad. We your parents, and we want to make  
13. the right decision.  
Thanks, Mom.