

are in charge of  
be around

expected  
focuses

participating  
self-esteem

struggle  
takes the pressure off

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

\_\_\_\_\_ expected \_\_\_\_\_?  
1.

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  
2.  
doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ as much.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ dogs. It sounds like  
4.  
she feels comfortable with them, and this helps her not to get  
nervous when she reads, right?

Mrs. SUGIMOTO: Right. Reading to dogs

\_\_\_\_\_ her. She knows  
5.  
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

\_\_\_\_\_ is growing.  
6.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ in this program.

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