

Read the following texts and match each of them to the heading in the chart that best describes it. Write the corresponding number in the white boxes provided. There are two headings you will not need. Text 0 has been done as an example.

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PETS AND CHILDREN

TEXT 0

Bringing a pet home and into the family can be an effective way to help prepare children for real life scenarios. For example, pets can ease the transition of suddenly having to share mom and dad's attention with a new brother or sister by demonstrating how much fun new playmates can be, as well as what is involved in caring for another.

TEXT 1

Walking the dog, feeding the guinea pig and talking to the parrot can serve as fun study breaks for kids, and a replacement for television programs and video games. These pet-related activities help children remain focused on the task at hand, and are less likely to become distractions that will prevent homework and chores from being completed.

TEXT 2

Children can learn the importance of responsibility at an early age by acting as a caretaker for a pet. Fish are a terrific first pet because children can play a large role in caring for them. Showing children what it means to be responsible for another creature's survival can result in teaching important attitudes such as patience, kindness and attentiveness.

TEXT 3

Children learn the subtle cues their pets give them to indicate their feelings. They can later apply this lesson to human interaction because they are more attuned to watching for body posture. A good relationship with a pet can also help in developing non-verbal communication, compassion, and empathy.

TEXT 4

Children who have pets at home have stronger immune systems and are less likely to take days off school sick. Researchers at Warwick University found that having a pet exposed children to more infections early in life. However, this exposure expanded their immune systems in the medium term and meant these children attended school more often, on average, than pupils who did not have pets.

TEXT 5

Children raised with pets show many benefits. Developing positive feelings about pets can contribute to a child's self-esteem and self-confidence. Positive relationships with pets can aid in the development of trusting relationships with others.

HEADINGS		TEXT NUMBER
A.	A pet can teach a child important lessons.	
B.	Keeping a pet helps children at school.	
C.	Pets boost children's health.	
D.	Pets can help children communicate.	
E.	Pets can help children develop discipline.	
F.	Pets encourage self-respect.	
G.	Pets prepare children for life situations.	0
H.	Pets help children mature.	

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