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*You have found a funny blog entry about a girl and her life. Read the blog entry.***Text 1 Blog entry**

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Meet the pupzilla!

- ① What do you think of when you think about puppies? They're cute and fluffy fur balls that do nothing but eat, play and sleep. All you want to do is to cuddle them and shower them with kisses. Well, not the one I have. Don't
- 5 get me wrong. I usually love puppies, but this 'pupzilla' is trying to ruin my life!



- 15 my mum said. It didn't look sorry at all. It just sat there grinning from ear to ear, looking so happy about what it did. I bet it was thinking, 'Ha ha, everything is mine now!'

- ② It all started when my mum took the pupzilla home last week. You might think it looks completely harmless, but
- 10 think again! At the beginning, it seemed normal. It welcomed me at the door, just like any other puppy. But as soon as I took off my (brand new) trainers, it took one of them and destroyed it with its sharp teeth!



- ③ 'Bad dog!'



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4 Maybe you're still thinking, 'It's just an innocent
20 puppy that wants something to play with.' No.
You're W-R-O-N-G. I've never had a good night's
sleep ever since it arrived. (Just look at my eye bags!)
Two days ago, it ate my homework! Yes. My dog ate
my homework. And that's exactly what I told my
25 strict English teacher. He didn't believe me. (No,
duh!) He told me to come up with a more creative
excuse and punished me instead. So much for
telling the truth!

5 Sometimes, it does cute puppy things like asking
30 for tummy rubs. My parents fall for it every time,
and they forget all the things it did. They never pay
attention to me any more. All they talk about now is
how cute 'Smoochie' is. That's it! I'm not going to
let a puppy walk all over me, so I came up with a
35 plan. If you want to know what it is, stay tuned for
'Freeing the pooch slaves' in my next blog entry!



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Comprehension 1 *Your friend wants to know more about Chelsea and her dog. Answer his questions using information from the blog entry. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 According to the writer, what are the three things that puppies usually do?

2 Which definition of 'shower' is closest to the meaning used in line 4?

A to fall onto somebody/something, especially in a lot of small pieces

B to wash yourself

C to drop a lot of small things onto somebody/something

A B C D

D to give somebody a lot of something

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3 What does 'one' (line 4) refer to?

4 What happened to the writer's trainers?

A One of them was lost.

B The puppy chewed one of them up.

C They were very dirty.

A B C D

D The dog put the trainers away.

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5 Did the puppy know it did something wrong? Provide TWO pieces of evidence from paragraph 3 to support your answer.

6 According to paragraphs 3 and 4, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The writer thinks her mum knows how to punish the puppy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The writer wants to show to her readers that the dog is not innocent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) The writer could not sleep well because the dog kept barking at night.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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7 Why did the writer's English teacher think the writer was lying about her homework?

8 What is the puppy's name?

9 Order the following events. Number the events (1–4).

The writer writes the blog entry.

The writer's mum brings the puppy home.

The writer gets punished by her teacher.

The writer's parents give all their attention to the puppy.

10 The writer's next blog entry will probably be about _____.

A another terrible thing the puppy has done

B buying new toys for the puppy

C how the writer plans to get control over the puppy

A B C D

D tips on how to care for a puppy

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11 Complete the following summary using words from Text 1. Make sure the words are grammatically correct.

The writer thinks that the new puppy is (i) _____ her life because it caused a lot of trouble for her. It even ate her (ii) _____. Now, the puppy has all her parents' (iii) _____. The writer thinks the puppy is tricking them by pretending to be (iv) _____.

12 Find words from Text 1 to complete the sentences.

i) Snakes look scary, but most of them are actually _____ to humans. (paragraph 2)

ii) He couldn't stop _____ when he found out that he got full marks on his English test. (paragraph 3)

iii) Time flies. He was no longer a/an _____ child, but a mature young man. (paragraph 4)

iv) Their Maths teacher was very _____ about homework and punctuality. (paragraph 4)