



What are the main facts presented in this letter?

- In Sweden, work has shown that young children who live with dogs are 50% less likely to develop allergies, asthma and eczema.
- a dog will always be pleased to see you!
- The house will be protected
- I am most definitely ready for this responsibility



How does the letter start? What is the purpose of the start of the letter? Why should I have a puppy? What makes me think I can look after one? I know we've had this conversation before and I agree with you that I wasn't really ready at the time I last asked.

The writer wants their parents to let them have a puppy. Questions make the reader think carefully about what is to come. The next statement shows they have thought about what their parents have said and are now ready to prove them otherwise.



How does the letter end? What is the purpose of the end of the letter? You may still not be entirely certain, but let me assure you that I am more mature now. The fact is I am most definitely ready for this responsibility and I would like you to acknowledge this by adding a dog to our family.

The end is summarising the letter by stating they are responsible. There is a closing statement asking for what they would like clearly.



What relationship does the writer have with the people they are writing to (addressees)? State 3 pieces of evidence that supports this.

The writer is the son of the addressees.

- The letter is addressed to perfect parents,
  - They know each other well
- you know how I love to run.
- I know you sometimes feel a bit guilty because you are so busy and that you feel you neglect my needs,
- safe in the knowledge that I am having fun and not just sitting around the house, bored and inactive on my PlayStation.
- short list of other reasons why a dog would be good for all of us.
- They use humour - (I have rubber gloves and I am prepared for that too!) (but I know that will annoy you),



Do you think the writer will be allowed a dog? Give reasons to support your answer.

Your own thoughts here - as long as you back them up with quotes from the text.



What do you think the 3 most persuasive phrases used in the letter are? Give reasons for your thoughts.

Any 3 from the list below, supported by a reason.

- Did you know that having a doting dog would teach and encourage me to be responsible for something?  
*Shows a possibility that their child could be responsible - shows a better future for their child.*
- I can do all of these now - you know how I love to run. I can take him with me.  
*Shows a definite change in the past. Shows that the child can look after a dog.*
- And yes, I know that I will also have to take care of when he 'does his business' (I have rubber gloves and I am prepared for that too!)  
*Shows the child has thought about everything and is prepared with a solution to problems.*
- I know you sometimes feel a bit guilty because you are so busy and that you feel you neglect my needs, so a dog would help ease this burden.  
*Makes the parents feel guilty through using words like neglect and burden.*
- Surely, you would be safe in the knowledge that I am having fun and not just sitting around the house, bored and inactive on my PlayStation.  
*Shows a possibility to change the negativity of boredom and inactivity. Uses the word 'safe' to plant seed that it is a better option for child than the one he has now!*
- In Sweden, work has shown that young children who live with dogs are 50% less likely to develop allergies, asthma and eczema.  
*This is a scientific fact - adults like statistics and facts that have been proven by someone who has expert knowledge. They are more likely to change opinion based on scientific facts!*
- a dog will always be pleased to see you!  
*Shows benefits for the adult too.*

- The house will be protected, as we will have a guard dog.  
*Shows benefits and emphasises safety for the adult too.*
- If we got one from the shelter, you would be doing something good for society.  
*Shows the adults will be seen to be doing something good for the community - keeping up a good reputation.*
- The fact is I am most definitely ready for this responsibility and I would like you to acknowledge this by adding a dog to our family.  
*Strongly summarises the need for a dog.*
- Yours most appreciatively,  
*Thanks them before they have agreed - planting the seed that the deal is already done!*