Pet Dogs: Adult or Puppy?

When people think of getting a pet dog, they always think of a puppy (baby-dog). There are many reasons to choose puppies: they are beautiful, friendly and they like playing. But there are also good reasons to get an adult dog.

When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave – for example going to the bathroom outside the house, not jumping up on your guests, not breaking things in the house or being obedient in the street. Teaching all these things means a lot of work and time. Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all the time. This can be fun sometimes, but not always. Besides, puppies will not always sleep all night or let you relax when you watch television.

But when you get an adult dog, probably it will already know how to do all of the previous things. Many adult dogs have already learnt how to go to the bathroom, they do not disturb guests and follow the rules in the street. Most adult dogs will wait on you to play, they will sleep when you are sleeping and are happy to watch television on the sofa with you.

1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE according to the text? Justify your answer copying the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE. (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
   a. People frequently choose adult dogs as pets.
   b. Teaching a puppy needs a lot of effort.
   c. Adult dogs normally know how to behave.
   d. Most adult dogs don’t like staying on the sofa when you watch TV.

2. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate form of the word in brackets: (Puntuación máxima: 4 puntos)
   a. Getting an adult dog is (easy) ____________________ than getting a puppy.
   b. If I had to choose a pet dog, I (get) __________________ a puppy.
   c. It (be) __________________ difficult to teach a dog if you are a child.
   d. Every evening after dinner she (have to) __________________________ go to the park with her dog.
   e. Five years ago, when they (be) ______________ small children, they (cannot) ________ have a dog.
   f. Very frequently puppies (choose) ________________________ as pets because they are (beautiful) ________________________ than adult dogs.

3. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar and write precise answers. (Puntuación máxima: 4 puntos)
   a. What are the good things and bad things of getting a puppy?
   b. Do you prefer cats or dogs as pets? Why?