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# Quick Questions

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# Answers

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   **Dad**

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   **Emma's dad is grumpy because he will not let her get a dog.**

3. What makes you think that Emma is not ready to get a puppy? Use evidence from the text.
   **Accept answers which quote the text and discuss that Emma does not do the necessary things to look after the dog and she does not even have one yet. She will not be a responsible owner because she refuses to do the jobs of a pet owner.**

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   **Emma wants a dog, but isn't responsible enough to get one.**