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I can summarize the key ideas and details of a story, including how a character responds to challenges.

**The Volunteer**

Teresa had always wanted a dog, but her parents would not allow her to have one. “A dog is too much work,” they complained. “We don’t want all that responsibility.”

Teresa really loved animals, so she decided to volunteer at the local animal shelter. She goes five days a week. She walks the dogs, brushes them, and feeds them. She makes sure she spends some time playing with each animal and giving it some love. Teresa wants to make sure that they all are well taken care of and enjoy being with people so that they will be ready when someone adopts them.



1. What do you learn about Teresa in the beginning of the passage?
2. She is angry with her parents.
3. She has always wanted a dog.
4. She has unfair parents.
5. She enjoys people.
6. What is Teresa’s challenge in the story?
7. Her parents will not allow her to have a dog.
8. She has a lot of responsibility.
9. She has to walk, brush, and feed dogs.
10. She disobeys her parents.
11. Explain how Teresa responds to the challenge in the story. Use details from

the text to support your answer.

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1. What is the theme of this passage?
2. Parents are always unfair.
3. Animal shelters can be lonely.
4. Teresa would make a responsible dog owner.
5. A dog is a lot of work.
6. List a detail from the passage that supports the theme.

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