A Classy Pet

Wouldn’t a classroom pet be fun? Maybe! Before you and your classmates ask to add a pet to your classroom, use this checklist. First, write down what kind of pet you have in mind. Then answer the rest of the questions yes or no.

What kind of pet do you have in mind?

___ 1. Might some children be allergic to this animal?
___ 2. Can this animal bite?
___ 3. Might this animal be scared by sudden, loud noises?
___ 4. Is this animal noisy?
___ 5. Does this animal need quiet during the day?
___ 6. Might being around people make this animal nervous or upset?
___ 7. Could this animal escape if a cage door (or a classroom door) was left open?
___ 8. Could this animal get sick without proper care?
___ 9. Does this animal need a lot of attention?
___ 10. Will this animal’s classroom home be very different from the home he or she needs or is used to?
___ 11. Does it cost a lot of money to care for this pet?

In your own words, write five problems that could occur with a classroom pet. Use the back of this paper.