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Part B

Question:

Your friend lives in a small flat in a high-rise building in a busy area of Hong Kong. Your friend wants to get a dog as a pet. You strongly disagree with the idea. You think it will be bad for your friend and for the animal.

Write a letter to your friend and support your arguments with reasons.

Dear Mary,

I heard that you were considering to get a dog as a pet. I love dogs, but I'm writing this letter to you because I don't think getting a dog as a pet at this time is the best option for you given your current living environment.

Firstly, you mentioned that you live in a small flat in a high-rise building. Dogs tend to be very active and usually love having a big environment for them to run and play around and may even lead to many house problems, such as taking up some space because you will need to provide them with a small little home with all his toys. This would create a very messy house with everything in the wrong place.

Secondly, you also mentioned that you live in a busy area of Hong Kong. Busy areas usually have a lot of people walking around and cars driving along the road which can cause not only noise pollution, but also air pollution as cars can emit many types of harmful gases which will not be suitable for your dog because it can lead to breathing difficulties. Busy areas are also usually crowded with cars honking at each other, which may cause problems for not only your dog, but also for you.

From my experience, I used to have a dog with the similar living environment as you before. My house was small and didn't have much space and I didn't have a small little home for my dog so I would often come back to a house that looks like it's been robbed so I hired a caretaker to watch over my dog and take it for walks along the streets until one day, it got lost. Luckily, the next day my caretaker found it and returned it back to me. That's when I realised that having a dog in my tiny environment wasn't the best option, so I decided to gift it to a best friend of mine who had a spacious flat. Although it was a very heart-breaking decision, I just imagined a happier life for my dog.

In conclusion, I hope this letter can be an impact on you and for your consideration, and I really wish you that you will find the perfect pet for yourself. Maybe a turtle? I'm looking forward to your response. Take care.

Best wishes,

Chris