

Anyone have a pet?

Would anyone like a pet? What sort?

*(Box with hole in side – holding mirror in hand in box)*

I have a pet here – a very special sort of pet.

Anyone like to look after it for me?

Warning – it does take quite a bit of looking after.

When young needs feeding maybe 8 times a day – even in the middle of the night.

Makes a rather smelly mess at times that has to be cleaned up – needs lots of baths.

As it gets bigger you have to spend a lot of time talking to it, playing with it, taking it for walks – can be a bit naughty and also leave quite a lot of mess around the house when it is playing.

Then there is the worry, sleepless nights – this stage lasts a long time, years, all the times it is growing. As it gets older it could get into quite a bit of trouble. It will actually grow to be as big as you are.

Anyone like to have a look at this special pet?

*(Open box and let child see face in the mirror – then show mirror to everyone else)*

Who would have the patience to look after a pet like that?