**I Wanna Iguana Activity:** Fill in with details from the text. Choose 3 arguments Alex has for getting an iguana for a pet. What are 3 counterarguments his mom has?

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| **Alex’s arguments** | **Mom’s counterarguments** |
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**Afterthought:** When writing a persuasive piece of writing, it is important when thinking of your arguments, to think of what counterarguments there could be. This will strengthen your argument.

**For example:** If I wanted to get a kitten, I’d have to convince my husband (who doesn’t want a kitten) that a kitten would be a good idea. If my argument for getting a kitten was that Max loves cats and he would love a kitten of his own, I know my husband would say that we already have a cat. I could strengthen my argument by saying, “I know we already have a cat, but he is older and I think it would be a good idea to get a kitten for Max so that when our older cat dies, he will still have another cat to love.”