

PROBLEM SOLVING WHEEL SCENARIOS

Scenario #1

You smell an unusual odor in your classroom. There is no moisture, dampness, or mold. There are no pets or pests in the classroom. The room has not recently been cleaned and there are no cleaning products in the room.

What could the source of the odor be?

What steps could you take to determine the causes?

What information do you still need/questions do you have?

Is there any chance this could be an emergency situation? If so, what should be done?

Scenario #2

It is a dark and dreary day and you are in your classroom taking a test. You begin to feel very warm. The teacher stops the test because other students have complained of this discomfort as well. There is no odor. You can not check on the thermostat setting because the controls are not located within your classroom. You place your hand beside the vent and you can not feel any air coming out.

What could the problem be?

What information do you still need/questions do you have?

What steps should be taken to solve the problem?

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Scenario #3

You develop a headache in the art room. It is the end of the class period and you and your classmates have just finished freehand drawing projects. There are a few classmates at your table who also have headaches. You are sitting in the back of the room near the sink. You can not identify any particular odor, the art room always smells strange because of all of the materials used for the projects. There are no pets or visible pests in the classroom. There are no signs of any mold in the classroom. When looking around the room you notice a schedule of the art classes and activities posted on the board. The class before you, according to the schedule, is Abstract Painting.

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Scenario #4

You are talking with some of your friends after school and discover that recently several of you have been infected with bronchitis. A few in the group have had bronchitis several times in the last few months. No one in the group has classes together but you are all on the school newspaper committee that meets in the library. One student remembers that the school library was closed after school about two months ago due to a leak in the ceiling following a bad rain storm.

Could the health problems among you and your friends be related?

What could be causing the reoccurring respiratory problems that you and your friends are experiencing?

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Scenario #5

You have been having very itchy and watery eyes at school. Some times during the day are worse than others. It goes away when you are at home and you do not suffer from allergies. You don't wear contacts. You do not have any other symptoms of a health problem such as a cold or flu. New carpeting was recently installed in a wing of your school.

What could the problem be?

What information do you still need/questions do you have?

What steps should be taken to solve the problem?

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