

Dangerous Download Part 2

ISTE Standards
Digital Citizen 1.2b

CASEL Competency:
Responsible Decision-Making



WHAT ARE VIRUSES? WHY ARE THEY DANGEROUS?

In this part, Faux Paw's computer gets a scary virus. Learn why illegal downloading hurts everyone!

TIP: Ask for help from an adult as you work on this worksheet!

Words to Know:

- **Computer Virus** - a computer virus makes your computer sick. Computer viruses can be shared by downloading files from the Internet that are not safe.
- **Download** - to get something from the Internet and save it to your computer's storage, like a picture, a song or a game.
- **Peer-to-peer (P2P)** - means person-to-person, like one person to another person or one computer to another computer. It's where your computer peeks onto someone else's computer to copy something from it, like a game or a song. It could be bad stuff like a virus that hurts your computer.

Think About:

- What mistakes did Faux Paw make when she downloaded music?
- Did she ask permission or get any help downloading?
- Was the peer-to-peer (sharing) site safe or unsafe?
- Could her mistakes cause a computer virus?

Do This Next

1. With a grown up, think about a time when you have downloaded games, music, or apps.
2. Talk together about your experiences. Have you ever had a hard time downloading something? Have you seen a pop up?
3. Make a plan together. What should you do if you want to download music, photos, videos, files, games, or apps? What will you do if you run into a problem?
4. Write a list of safe downloading places, like websites and app stores.