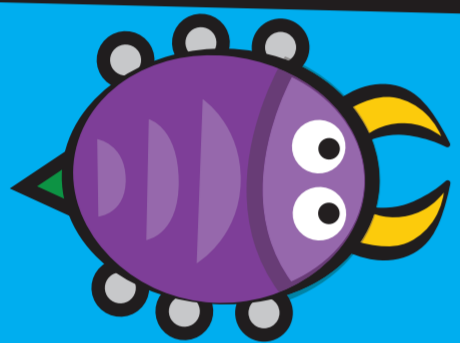
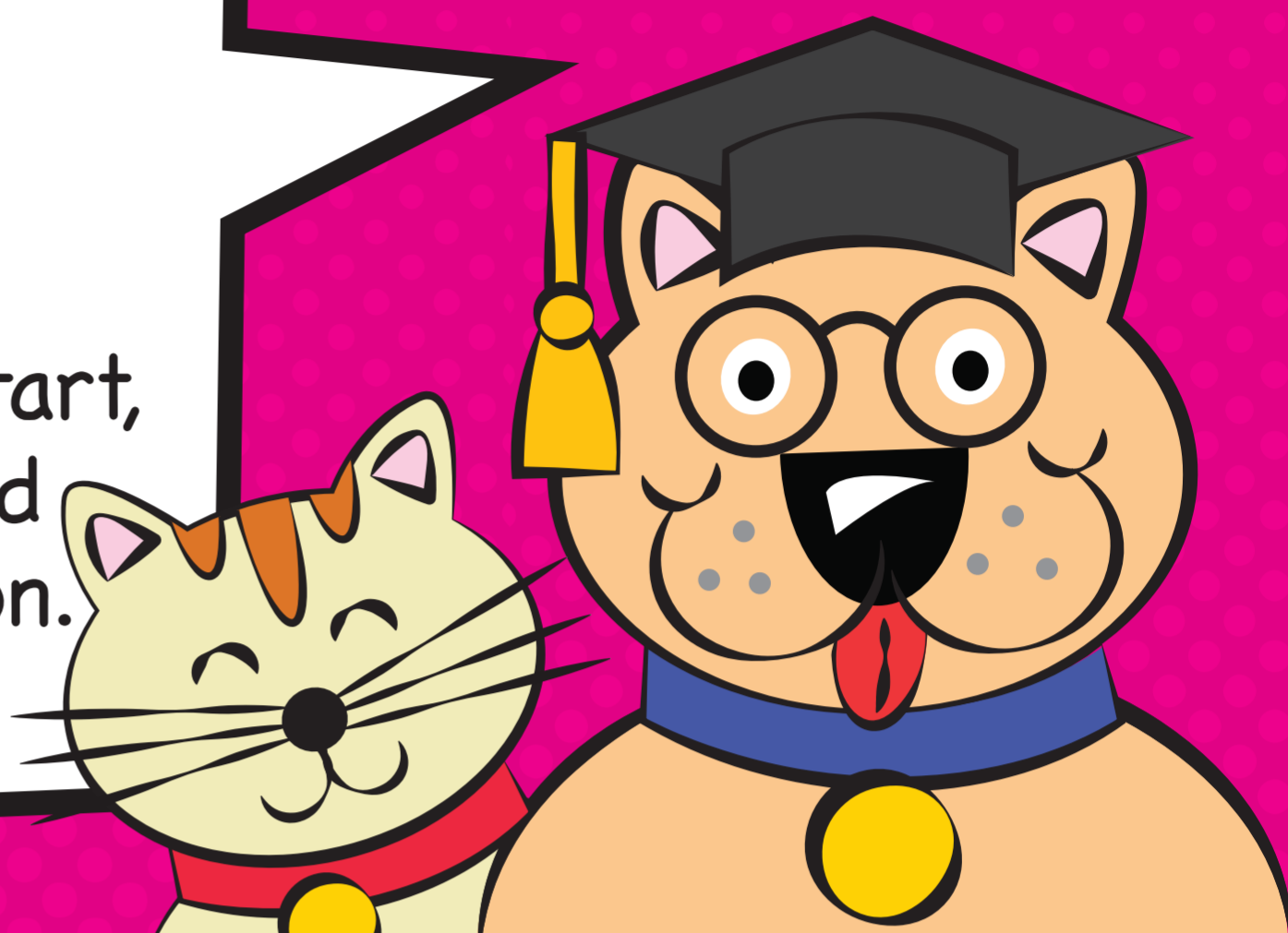


# Molly and Max say beware of Malware!

**Malware** is a family of computer programs that like to cause harm to digital devices.

These nasties can slow down, restart, stop your device from working and even slow your internet connection. Let's meet the **Malware** family!



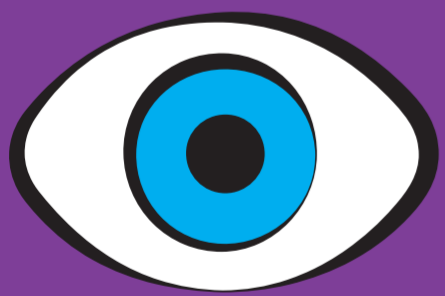
**Viruses** are sneaky and like to spread through programs on your digital device. It may just slow it down or it may make you lose all your files, programs or apps completely.



**Worms** like to spread their way from device to device by copying themselves lots of times. They often like to attach their twin to an email and send them to your friends, infecting their devices too!



A **Trojan Horse** likes to pretend it's a safe program but hidden inside (like in the Greek story of the Trojan Horse) is something dangerous that will try to harm your digital device.



**Spyware** likes to install itself onto digital devices, so it can steal personal data like passwords. It can even take control of a webcam without the user knowing to spy on them.



**Ransomware** is mostly spread through crafty spam emails. It infects digital devices stopping access to files unless the user pays a ransom to the person who created the malware.

Be cyber smart and protect yourself from these digital nasties by never clicking on an email or website unless you know what it is. Installing anti-virus is a great way to protect your digital devices!