

## **Two best friends and free games**

F. and L. are two best friends who often play together. They usually play computer games. Yesterday, Fran found an interesting online game and recommended to his friend to play it together.

In the beginning, they were thrilled because the game was free and they didn't have to log in. After some time, a pop-up window appeared, and requested a log in. They did that without thinking about it, although their parents told them a couple of times not to register to anything that wasn't connected to the school. As soon as they registered they caught some big virus. L. tried to make contact with F., but he realized that he can't do anything with his computer. He took his phone and called F.. While talking, they realized that they have a computer virus again, but this one was much stronger than the one before. This time their computers were completely frozen. They started panicking!!! What are they going to do now??? How will they explain to their parents that they have again done something they weren't supposed to?

L. found some courage and told them that this time he is going to talk to his parents first. His mom was preparing a cake in the kitchen when he started to talking with hesitation: 'F. entered some game and he asked me to play it together. There weren't any problems with it until we were asked to register. My computer froze after that and I couldn't do anything.' While talking to his mom about what happened he becomes more aware that the problems are just starting for him. He knew that he can expect punishment and he was afraid that mom will take his phone away. He tried to ease the situation a bit by telling that he will never do that again ... and that the game said free download.

Mom didn't have mercy this time and she said that there is no letting go this time. She called F. mother. In a long phone conversation, the two moms realized that their children don't know how to properly use the Internet. They decided that they have to do something immediately. The first thing they decided to do was to take their phones away. Then they decided to give the kids some house chores. And in the end, the thing that hit them the most, they agreed to find a course that will teach them about the proper way to use the Internet.

They did everything they agreed to do. L. and F. weren't happy about it, but moms were persistent and boys started the course. Since they were left without their phones and computers for a month, taking the course was their only opportunity to spend some time on the computer.

During the detention time, they had to do house chores and with that, they have covered part of the cost for repairing the computers. In the end, the course wasn't that bad. They have met some new friends and learned a lot of interesting things and also how to behave on the Internet.