

Breakout Room 4

Read the story and fill in the blanks with the verbs in the box.

infect, sending, appeared x2, are, was, saying, replicate, damage, catch, written, believed

What exactly are computer viruses? They _____ simply computer programs that _____ themselves again and again. This ability _____ predicted as early as 1949 by a German mathematician, John von Neumann. It is generally _____ that the very first was a virus called Creeper. It was detected on ARPANET (the ancestor of the Internet) in the early 1970s. It was _____ by an engineer named Bob Thomas from Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1971. However, the Creeper was not a bad virus; it did not _____ computers. When a machine was infected, a message simply _____ on the screen saying "I'm the Creeper, _____ me if you can!" More damaging viruses _____ in the 1980s with the spread of personal computers.

In 1986, Brain was the first virus to _____ PCs; in 1991, Michelangelo was the first to make international news; in 2000, Love Letter broke hearts by _____ emails _____ "I love you" to tens of millions of computers; and in 2007, Storm Worm spread with a message saying "230 dead as storm batters Europe!"