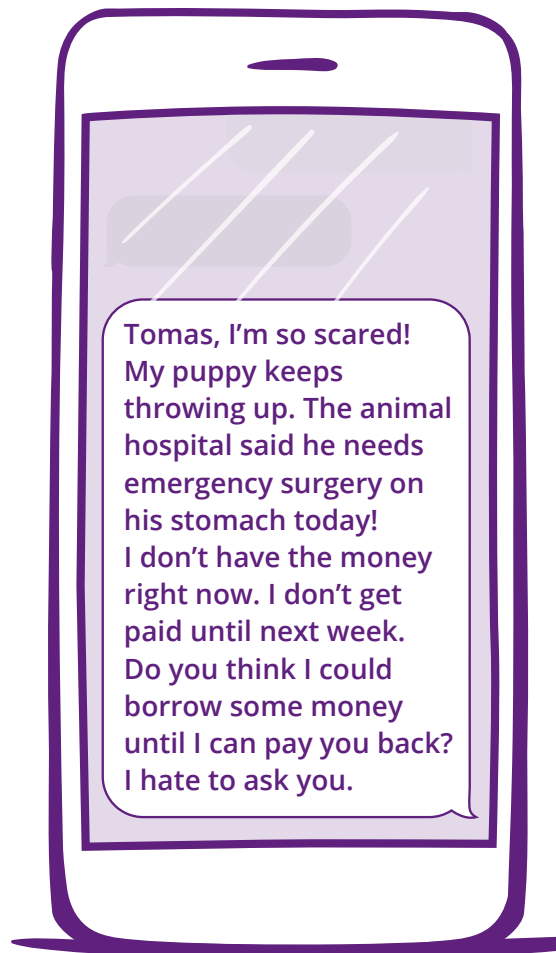


Online safety and romance scams

Meet Tomas

Tomas met Sandy through a dating app on his phone. After a week of messaging, Sandy tells Tomas she's falling in love with him. Tomas feels the same way. Sandy understands him, makes him laugh, and always gives him compliments. They have a lot in common. They both like dogs. Sandy makes Tomas smile by sending him pictures of her puppy.

One day Tomas receives this message from Sandy:



Tomas doesn't know what to do. He knows how much Sandy loves her dog, and he wants to help.



Let's talk about it

Tomas isn't sure whether or not he should send Sandy money:

- Are there reasons to think Sandy really needs help?
- Are there reasons to think this is a romance scam?
- What do you think Tomas should do?



If somebody you meet online asks for money, be careful. Don't give the person your information or send them money. Talk to someone you trust, like a close friend or family member. Tell them what happened. Ask if it seems suspicious to them.