

Everyone's computer is a bit different . . . Having a little trouble with the .zip file? Sometimes that built-in file extractor from Windows isn't the best.

### **Here are some things you can do.**

First, make sure you know where your computer puts things you've downloaded. Does it go straight to your desktop? Or does your computer like to "hide" downloads in other folders? Check your actual "Downloads" folder to see if it's there. I have a folder on my own computer called "Recents" and sometimes I find new things I've downloaded in there! Like I said, all of our computers work a little bit differently, so you have to kind of figure out how yours handles downloads (and of course your school computer and your home computer can certainly do things differently, too!)

### **Once you see the .zip file, here are some options for opening it:**

You could **rename** the file and then try to extract its contents (right click, select "rename" and try to re-open).

Or, you could **move the Zip file into one of your other folders**, like the Documents folder, and then try to extract the files from within there (that means you would click and drag the zip file into the documents folder and then right click on the zip file and look for "extract all" and follow the directions that pop up).

You can also use a third-party free **File Compression Software** and use it to extract the contents of the zip file. My favorite that I use all the time on my own computer is called Dr. Unarchiver. I love it because I just drag & drop whatever file it is into Dr. Unarchiver and it just magically opens up. Compressed files, video files, etc. Love this one, and it's free: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/dr-unarchiver-open-rar-zip-7z-gzip-bz-for-free/9p8405b66pzv?activetab=pivot%3aoverviewtab>