

ALL ABOUT FORTNITE

Fortnite is an online multiplayer video game. It was developed by Epic Games in 2017 and has become extremely popular with children and young people. This is a 'shooter style' game, meaning players battle it out against opponents with multiple weapon styles, but it also uses construction tools that allow players to create and personalise their own game components.



GAME MODES

CREATIVE

Create games like racecourses, challenges, and arenas using building elements (similar to Minecraft) that other players engage with.



SAVE THE WORLD

Team up with friends to defeat invading monsters and defend helpless citizens. This is the only 'pay to play' mode Fortnite offers.



BATTLE ROYALE

Compete in a 'last team alive wins' match with up to 100 other players, with the option to join 'squads' of up to 4 players or be a solo player.



ZERO BUILD

Zero Build – Face off against other players in a tactical shoot out that requires skill in weapons and evasion without the option to build defences and fortresses.



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BATTLE ROYALE IS KING

Chances are, if a gamer you know is talking about Fortnite, they're referring to the Battle Royale version. This is by far the most popular mode of Fortnite. Why, you ask?



MOST UPDATED – Runs on regular seasons (like a television series!) that change the game's look and feel while keeping the same known play structure.



POP CULTURE ICON – Uses several pop culture references and characters to engage with a wide range of audiences (i.e. a Darth Vader character option).



EASY TO PLAY – Actions and movements (even dances!) are relatively easy for players of every skill level to learn and equip their characters with.



FUN AND FLASHY – Creates a world full of bright colours, catchy music, and customisable characters that players will enjoy getting lost in.

WARNING

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While most Fortnite game modes are free, the platform is full of in-game purchases that offer premium options (e.g. different outfits, new characters or weapons, etc.) which promise to 'increase' game play experience. These options are purchased with V-bucks (in-game currency) or Battle Passes (an exclusive collection of new items and tasks that releases every season). **Children and young people may feel like they are missing out if they are unable to buy these items, especially if the friends they play with have them.**



POSITIVES VS. NEGATIVES

- + Teaches players **teamwork and cooperation** with others.
- + Encourages **strategic thinking and problem solving**.
- + **Downplays violence** by not depicting blood or death.
- Gameplay is **addictive** and might lead to overplaying.
- Online environment could encourage **cyberbullying**.
- Chat element can allow **interaction with strangers**.

TOP TIPS

TOP TIPS FOR THE PARENTS AND CARERS OF GAMERS

- ? **Ask questions.** Let them tell you about Fortnite and why they like to play it.
- 👤 **Get involved.** Set up a free account and ask your gamer to help you get started.
- 📱 **Healthy habits.** Outline household rules on screentime that everyone follows.
- 🔴 **Privacy first.** Learn how to block and report users, and set up parental controls.
- 🗣️ **Discuss safety.** Talk about the importance of safer online gaming practices.
- 👁️ **Personal info.** Remind your gamer to never share personal information with

Did you know...

Up to **4 million** active players log on and play Fortnite every day!



This game is suitable for players aged 12 and up!

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