

Did you know? – PEGI ratings are used to make sure that little children are not using inappropriate gaming sites.

#### FORTNITE

PEGI UK age rating = **Age 12+**

**It is recommended to ages 13 and older.**

This game requires players to kill each other to win.

One of the biggest reasons your child probably wants to play Fortnite is because all of their friends do.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Fortnite is a game built on violence. Although there isn't the blood and guts you might find in other games, your child is still being exposed to violence inside the video game. Battle Royale is a shooting game, where players work to kill each other off.

The biggest reason you might want to think twice about letting your child play Fortnite is the language and bullying they can be exposed to online.



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##### Tips for parents

Do not let your child add random friends to their Fortnite group. Friends should be limited to those people your child knows in real life plus family.

In settings, change friend requests to auto-decline. This way, your child cannot add strangers to their Fortnite friends list.

Make sure your child plays any Fortnite game with the "fill" mode off. Having fill mode on means that Fortnite will randomly match your child with opponents rather than wait for a friend to log on to play. When fill mode isn't activated, your child will only be able to play with opponents on their friend list.

Monitor your child's chat settings. You should change your child's chat settings to Party Channel, *not* Game Channel. On Party Channel, your child can only chat with friends on their friends list. On Game Channel, they may be exposed to strangers.

**Video games have a range of benefits for your child.** Playing simple games can improve your child's mood, promote relaxation, and reduce anxiety. Children can also build emotional resilience by learning to cope with losing in video games. For the best safety, make sure the video game is appropriate to the age of your child.

