



# Fortnite

## WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

FORTNITE is currently one of the most popular video games in the world, but the majority of most players' attention isn't on the original strategy-focused, single-player campaign (also known as *Save the World*), but rather the stand-alone last-player-standing mode known as *Battle Royale*.

Here, gamers take on up to 100 other players by themselves, with a partner, or as part of a four-player squad to see who can survive the longest against opponents on an ever-shrinking map. During matches, players will gather materials and build structures to defend themselves against incoming fire, using firearms, melee weapons, and explosives to defeat enemies. Players can also practice building structures, test their aim with the various guns in the game, and take on three other friends in Playground mode.

The *Save the World* version of *Fortnite* looks very similar visually to *Battle Royale* but is always played solo, and players fight zombie-like monsters called Husks. Both versions of the game take place after "The Storm," an apocalyptic event in which 98 percent of the world's population simply vanished. But only *Save the World* has the Husks, and in that version, after stumbling onto and taking command of an abandoned high-tech shelter facility, it's up to the player to take charge of a group of brave heroes as they fight back.

## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Parents need to know that while the original strategy-focused version of *Fortnite* (also known as *Save the World*) is a survival action game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Windows, and Mac, it's the wildly popular last-player-standing mode known as *Fortnite: Battle Royale* that's taken off and become a huge hit.

(There's also a [mobile version](#) of the popular Battle Royale mode that lets portable players engage with and play against console and PC gamers.)

*Fortnite: Battle Royale* (which now includes the personalized-adventure-creation Creative mode as well) pits up to 100 players against each other in solo, duo, or up to four-player squads to see who can survive the longest against each other in an ever-shrinking map.

The game has a cartoonish style, and the violence, while persistent, isn't bloody or particularly gory, even though you're using melee weapons and firearms to eliminate opponents.

The game does push players to make additional in-game purchases to acquire many cosmetic items, objects, and celebratory animations, though they're not required to play.

While there isn't any profanity in the game dialogue, the game's online nature could expose younger players to iffy language from random strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.

In *Save the World*, gamers use strategic thinking, creativity, and forward planning to build fortifications while working with teammates to defend survivors and objectives from waves of creepy, zombie-like monsters.

If you want to know more about this phenomenon, be sure to check out our [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Fortnite](#).

## TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT ...

Families can talk about [violence in video games](#). *Fortnite: Battle Royale* focuses on eliminating players to be the last one standing, but does the violence have less impact because there's no blood or gore?

- What are some good ways to prepare for disasters, and how important is it to have an emergency plan in place?
- What are some positive ways to foster sporting conduct and teamwork in games?
- What are some ways to deal with toxic players in an online environment?
- Does *Fortnite: Battle Royale*'s focus on combat limit the focus on [teamwork](#) within the game?