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Age Rating in
the App Store:

15+

Age rating according to app provider

Fortnite is a video game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, Mac and mobile allowing up to 100 users per game onto an island/map to build structures, hunt for weapons and equipment. Players are dropped onto the game map and must compete to be the last one standing.
There are three modes of play in Battle Royale: Solo, Duo and Squad.

Challenges

Micro transactions
There are opportunities for players to spend real money on items in the game.
Fortnite encourages a membership upgrade called a Battlepass, as well as in-game currency called V-Bucks to buy bonus items. You can buy things like new looks and new dances. Most platforms allow you to block in-app purchases via parental controls, so be sure to set up yours if you don't want your kids maxing out the credit card. CRF recommends using a pre paid credit card or gift card for in-app purchases.

The game's online chat feature (especially in Battle Royale) can expose younger players to offensive language, mature content and contact from strangers. CRF doesn't recommend games with open chat for kids under 13.

How do I turn off voice chat?
Open the Settings menu in the top right of the Fortnite home page by selecting the three bars, then the cog icon. Choose the audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can adjust several audio features, including voice chat. Turn the setting from on to off by tapping the arrows. You will need to take steps to make sure your child isn't exposed to the inappropriate language of other players by keeping them in solo mode or ensuring that they're teaming up with friends.

To report
Users can report other users for harassment, inappropriate language, bullying and hacking. Just click *'Email Us'* and fill out the required fields. After selecting the Product and Game Mode, select Report Player as the Issue Type. This will make sure these reports are directed to the correct team.

If a user wants to delete a *'friend'* within the game they can simply go to the icon on the top right of the screen with the three figures and select the user and click *'unfriend'*. There is no way to block a user in the game. If a user is harassing another user they should follow the appropriate steps above to report them.

Like any online game, Fortnite can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends (not to mention a great potential bonding experience if you choose to play with your child). Just be mindful of screen time and monitor that chat. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

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