

FORTNITE

WE LOVE IT ... AND WE HATE IT! WHY?

BEFORE YOU READ

- Do you like gaming?
- What video games do you play?

More than one hundred million people around the world are playing it! Yes, it's the video game *Fortnite*! Why is it so popular? And why is it causing problems? CROWN finds out the good and the bad!



Fortnite: 5 Facts!

- 1** **When did it start?**
It started in July, 2017.
- 2** **What do you do?**
In *Battle Royale* – you must jump out of a plane onto a small island, find a shelter* and survive*.
- 3** **How long is each game?**
20 minutes.
- 4** **How old do you have to be to play?**
In the UK, you should be twelve.
- 5** **How many players in the world?** Around 125 million!

LOVE IT!

It's exciting!

It's a mix of a survival game and *Minecraft*. There's lots of fighting (but no blood*) and lots of building. "I never wanted to play a game so much in my life!" said Raphael, 14.

HATE IT!

But you can't stop!

When you finish a game, you want to play another one ... and another! Some players don't stop to eat, sleep or even to go to the toilet! "I argued with my mum because I played it during dinner time." said Max. Toni Marini is a therapist in Scotland. "I helped a twelve-year-old school girl. "She was playing the game for eight hours non-stop!"

LOVE IT!

You can play it with your friends!

You play *Fortnite* on your own or you can make a team with one person (a 'duo') or a group of people (a 'squad'). This can help your teamwork skills*. When the England football team stayed in Russia in the World Cup they played the game. "We enjoyed playing together," said Dele Ali.

HATE IT!

... But this means strangers can contact you!

You may get a message from someone you don't know who wants to play with you and talk to you. This can be dangerous.



LOVE IT!

It's free!

It costs nothing to download *Fortnite* and you can play it on any platform: on Xbox one, PS4, or a smartphone.

HATE IT!

But you can spend a lot of money!

You can buy extras like weapons* or costumes* (these are called 'skins'). Some teens used their parents' credit card to buy extras. "My son spent £150 in four days!" said Julie. "He waited until I was in bed to buy the extras. I was shocked when I got the bill!"

Past simple regular

Read what these people said about playing *Fortnite*.

Write the past simple form of the verb:

- "I (play) it for eight hours!"
- "I (argue) with my mum because I (play) it during dinner."
- "I (wait) until my mum and dad were asleep and then I played it all night."
- "I (use) my mum's credit card to buy extras."
- "I (enjoy) playing it. I like the teamwork."

Who said it? Find the people in the article.

* WORDWISE

English	French	Italian	German	Dutch	Spanish
shelter	un abri	rifugio	Unterschlupf	schuilplaats	el refugio
to survive	survivre	sopravvivere	überleben	overleven	sobrevivir
blood	le sang	sangue	Blut	bloed	la sangre
skill	une habilité	abilità	Fähigkeit	vaardigheid	la habilidad
weapon	une arme	arma	Waffe	wapen	el arma
costume	un déguisement	costume	Kostüm	kostuum	el disfraz
to invent	inventer	inventare	erfinden	uitvinden	inventar
charger	un chargeur	caricatore	Ladegerät	oplader	el cargador

Russell Horning: "I invented* the floss!"

In *Fortnite*, you can make your character do funny dances, like 'the floss'! Meet 16-year-old Russell Horning – or The Backpack kid – who invented it!



Where did you invent it?

I invented it in my bedroom.

How did it get famous?

I posted a video of myself doing it on Instagram two years ago. Everyone started doing it. Then Katy Perry asked me to do it on TV to her song *Swish Swish*.

Why do wear a backpack when you dance?

I just liked it!

What's in it?

A charger*, headphones, a snack, water and a fidget spinner.



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