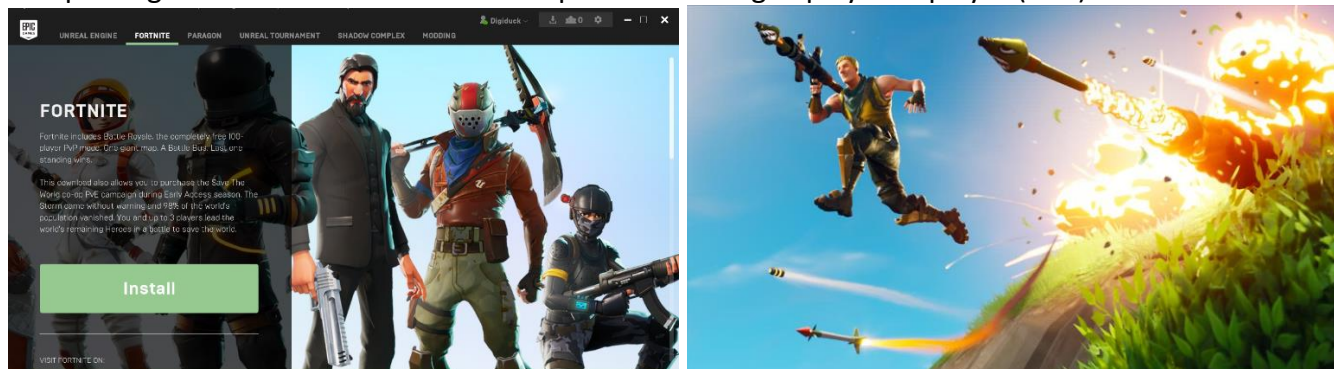


## Online Safety-Video Games

**Fortnite:** Fortnite is an online game, which includes Battle Royale. In Battle Royale, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.



**What age rating is Fortnite?** Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'*. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

**You need to create an account:** In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

**You are playing against other players:** As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. **You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against.**

**You can make in game purchases:** Although Battle Royale is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, bonuses and weapons. These start at £34.99 and go up to £119.99.

**There is animated violence:** Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

### Advice according to UK Safer Internet:

- Have an open and honest conversation with your child.
- Play with them.
- Know how to make a report:

On Fortnite you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu, you can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite. Common Sense Media allow parents and young people to give their reviews of games that they have played. They have created a very useful video guide to Fortnite with footage of the gameplay involved.