

Guidance for Popular Video Games

Game title (abbreviations)	Rating	About	What to worry about
Apex legends	16+	A battle royale game, following the same concept as Fortnite and PUBG, but in a much higher quality and more grown up feel. It has grown very popular in a short time. Children who play Fortnite may also be interested in this, however it has a more serious appearance and higher difficulty.	Violence Online chat In game purchases
Baldi's basics of education	None ?	The player has to collect notebooks and escape from the school while being chased by a teacher called Mr Baldi. The game is not violent but is presented in the style of a horror game, where the teacher chases the player while hitting a ruler against his hand. The game has a progressively creepy feel, with loud static sounds and a red screen towards the end.	May be scary for some children It's appearance as an educational game is misleading.
Bendy and the Ink Machine	12+	About a cartoon character who comes to life and tries to attack the player. Although not outright violent, it contains a lot of jumpscare and suspense that may scare young children.	Horror
Call of Duty And Battlefield	18+	A series of games that cover different wars. The player is a soldier with different objectives and missions. There are also online modes.	Violence Gore Bad language Online chat is possible
Fifa	3+	The player plays as a football team, and can play matches either against the game or against other people online	Online chat is possible In game purchases
Five Nights at Freddy's (FNAF)	None (12+)	The player is a night time security guard at a "Freddy Fazbear's Pizza". During the night the animatronics that are made to entertain the guests come to life and try to attack the security guards.	Horror References to murder Dark backstory

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Fortnite Battle Royale	12+	Players take part in a battle royale game in which the last player/team left alive is the winner. The players can collect various weapons, gadgets and materials to help them win.	Cartoon violence Online chat In game purchases
Grand Theft Auto (GTA)	18+	The player can choose different missions to complete, most/all of which are related to crime e.g. stealing cars, attacking police officers etc.	Violence / Gore Bad language Sexual content Glorifies crime
Hello Neighbour	7+	The player plays as a child who sneaks into his suspicious neighbour's house to see what he is up to. The goal is to discover what the neighbour is hiding, without him catching you.	Suspense may be scary for younger children
The Legend of Zelda	7 - 12+	This is a fantasy game in which the player is a character called Link whose goal is often to save the Princess Zelda from an evil villain.	Mild fantasy violence
Minecraft	7+	The player has to collect materials in order to build shelters, tools and weapons to survive.	Online chat is possible
Player Unknown's Battle Ground (PUBG)	16+	This is like a more grown up and detailed version of Fortnite. The objective is the same but is presented in a more realistic way.	Violence Online chat
Pokémon	7+	The player captures and trains a team of different creatures called Pokemon which they can then use to battle other trainers' Pokemon.	Mild references to violence.
Roblox	None	Roblox is a website on which users can design their own games and levels as well as try out other users' levels. The website itself is child friendly and can provide a very positive experience, but due to its nature, some games created may not be suitable for all, and players can use online chat.	Parents need to monitor in order for this to be safe Online chat In game purchases

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Sims	12+	The player controls the day to day life of different sims, which are cartoon people, choosing their job, what they eat, their relationships etc. The player is responsible for keeping their sims alive and happy.	Sexual references
Slender man	None (12+)	The player needs to find all of the hidden pages while escaping from Slenderman, a tall thin person with no face and tentacles coming out of his back who will attack if you look at him.	Horror References to kidnapping Dark backstory which can be searched easily online
Super Mario	3 - 7+	There are many Mario games, ranging from Mariokart (a racing game) to the normal Super Marion, in which Mario has to complete different levels to save the Princess Peach.	None
Super Smash Bros.	12+	This is a very popular fighting game featuring many different characters from popular games, including Mario, Pokemon and Zelda. Although a fighting game, the style is cartoony with no gore.	Cartoon violence
Undertale	10+/12+	The main character is a human who has fallen into a world of monsters and is trying to get home. Depending on the decisions the player makes during the game, they will achieve either a pacifist, neutral or genocide ending. The game is generally light hearted and urges the player towards the peaceful route by promoting kind actions, however the genocide route takes a darker turn. Undertale is very popular on youtube, and some of the soundtrack and images are often used as “memes” on the internet, making it known by a lot of children who may not have played it.	Potentially dark theme Very mild violence

<https://www.common sense media.org> is a website that gives age ratings and reviews carried out by both parents and children, giving a good sense of what a game is like and how appropriate it is for different ages. This is very useful for downloadable PC games as these don't always have a specific age rating.