

## Fortnite

### The Beginning

In July of 2017, the online game Fortnite was released. The goal of this popular video game is to be the last person standing in a live-action showdown. One hundred players battle each other alone, with a partner, or in a squad of three to four people. Fortnite can be played on many different systems such as Mac, Windows, Playstation 4, and Xbox. Since it is so easily accessible, and is free for anyone who has access to these systems, it has become one of the most successful video games played today. It is played by more than 125 million people worldwide!

### The Game

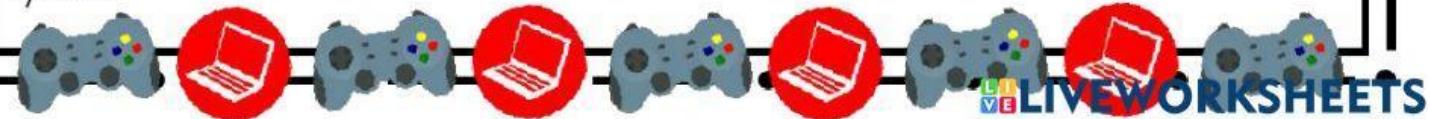
The game begins as players are dropped from a “Battle Bus,” a large, blue school bus that flies high in the air with the help of a hot air balloon. Players are dropped at high speed and are able to steer themselves to land at the most optimum, or best, place on the map.

By using certain controls, players are able to launch a hang glider, which slows the flight of their character. This allows for more time to search the map for a place to land. It is always a good idea to land among building and structures, as there are more materials to collect there!

Players are able to use a pickaxe to knock down structures and collect materials such as brick, metal, and wood. They can use these items to quickly travel throughout the map, protect themselves, or to hide from other players!

### The Winner

The winner of the game is the last player standing. There are safe zones within the game; however during each round, a storm comes and the safe zone shrinks in size. Players that are not in this area receive damage during the storm. This means that there is an even smaller playing area, which makes it easier to eliminate others, or be eliminated yourself! Fortnite is a fun and addicting game, and the best part about it is that it is free to anyone that has access to a gaming system!



## Fortnite Comprehension Questions

1. Which of the following describes the structure of paragraphs 2-4?
  - a. Sequence
  - b. Cause and effect
  - c. Compare and contrast
  - d. Problem and solution
2. Which of the following best describes the main idea of this passage?
  - a. Players are able to steer themselves on a hang glider, making it easy for them to land in a good area
  - b. The players of Fortnite have access to many different gaming systems
  - c. Fortnite is a free, live-action game that has become very successful because it is easily accessible
  - d. Fortnite is a live-action game played by 100 people at one time
3. What is the definition of the word optimum as it is used in paragraph 2?
  - a. To land
  - b. The best
  - c. A map
  - d. Steer
4. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?
  - a. To persuade the reader to buy Fortnite so that they can play with their friends
  - b. To entertain the reader by writing a piece of fiction
  - c. To inform the reader how to win the game of Fortnite using step-by-step instructions
  - d. To inform the reader about this history of Fortnite and how the game is played
5. Which detail supports the main idea that Fortnite is one of the most successful video games today?
  - a. It is easily accessible and free to anyone who has a gaming system and is played by 125 million people worldwide
  - b. One hundred people are able to play the game at a time, and they are able to play alone, in partners, or in squads
  - c. Players should try to stay out of the storm because it is easy to eliminate players after the safe zone shrinks
  - d. The game was released in July 2017 and is available on many different gaming systems
6. Why should players try to land among buildings and structures after they are dropped from the Battle Bus?
  - a. They are dropped at high speed and are able to steer themselves to the best possible place on the map
  - b. They are able to collect materials that will help them throughout the game
  - c. They can use a pickaxe to knock down structures
  - d. It allows them more time to search the map for a place to land
7. Which of the following is the most likely reason why some people choose to play in a team, rather than alone?
  - a. They think their teammate is a better player than them
  - b. They are very good at Fortnite and think that they can win the game very easily
  - c. They are able to use materials to eliminate other players
  - d. They can work as a team to eliminate others while keeping each other safe
8. Why is it easier for players to be eliminated when the safe zone shrinks?
  - a. There is nowhere for players to hide during the storm
  - b. Many players have extra materials, such as brick, wood, and metal that they can use to eliminate other players
  - c. The playing field is smaller, so it is easy for players to find other players and eliminate them
  - d. Players that are not in the safe zone receive damage during the storm

