



Minecraft

What is it?

Minecraft is an engaging, educational, and creative game. Think of it as Legos without the mess in your living room. Players place and break blocks in a 3D environment. They must “mine” for all the materials they need for their character to live, including the building blocks needed to create their virtual spaces.

What is the age requirement?

Minecraft is for children ages four and older.

Where can I learn more?

www.minecraft.net

3 Things Parents Should Know

1. There are several modes of play, but the two main modes are Survival and Creative. In Survival mode, a player faces zombies and must acquire the resources needed to build shelter, get food, and fight predators. In Creative mode, players have unlimited resources to mine from in order to build homes, towns, cities, or whole worlds. Kids can be invited to join each other's worlds, so be sure your kids are playing with friends or people you approve.
2. One issue to watch out for with this game is that it can lead to lots of screen time. There are endless possibilities, levels, and creations for users to work through. Ultimately, it can be difficult for parents to pull their kids away from the fun. Establish time limits for gaming before your child starts to play.
3. There are a huge number of fan-made Minecraft videos on YouTube. Kids can learn new tricks and get ideas for construction, or simply watch others take the game to new creative heights. However, parents need to be aware that not all of these videos are appropriate for little ones due to adult language.

