Is *Fortnite* **OK** for Kids?

Hannah wants to play. Her parents say no way. Who’s right?

**Directions:** Read both letters. Then complete the chart on the next page.

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**Dear Mom and Dad,**

Why won’t you let me play *Fortnite*? It’s the most popular video game in the world. My friends are obsessed with it. If I can’t play, they’ll think I’m a nerd.

You say that the game is too violent. But it’s just a cartoon! There’s no blood or guts or anything gross. I’m 10 years old. Aren’t I old enough for cartoons? Plus, you can work with other players and help each other. Think of all the friends I could make!

Some experts say that playing *Fortnite* is good for the brain. You have to focus and make a plan, or else you lose. That could help me in school.

Please, Mom and Dad. I’m begging you! *Fortnite* is the best video game ever. I’ll do anything if you let me play. I’ll clean the bathroom. I’ll walk Shadow. I’ll read for an hour every night. Anything!

Your daughter,

Hannah
Dear Hannah,

Sorry, but you can’t play Fortnite. It’s a violent shooting game. To win, you have to kill as many people as you can. Sure, it’s a cartoon. But there’s a lot of real violence in the world. There’s no reason to add more in a game.

It’s not healthy for a 10-year-old to play a violent shooting game. There’s a respected group called Common Sense Media. Its reviews help parents decide what books, movies, and games are right for kids. It says that no kid under 13 should play Fortnite. That’s mainly because of the violence in the game.

You already spend too much time on screens. Experts say that’s bad for kids. You don’t need to spend hours a day playing any video game.

Your friends won’t think you’re a nerd because we don’t let you play Fortnite. They might think we’re nerds—and that’s fine with us.

With love,

Mom and Dad

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**Should Hannah be allowed to play?**

Hannah and her parents both give reasons that support their arguments. Find three reasons in each letter and write them on the lines below. Use these details in an opinion essay about whether *Fortnite* is OK for kids.

**Yes: Game on!**

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**No: Turn it off.**

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