

# Fortnite



## ### Game Summary – First Impressions

Fortnite Chapter 2, season 3, is finally here. Fortnite Battle Royal is an arena-style game, where the last one standing is the winner. You are airdropped out of a flying party bus, with 99 other players, and must forage for weapons and supplies. A deadly shrinking storm herds the players together overtime, and ultimately bring the game to a conclusion. The last player standing is the winner.

This season opens with big changes to the map. The map is now flooded, and many places are now not accessible. The water will slowly recede over time, and new areas will be uncovered. So the map now also has some areas that are floating on the water. Some areas are familiar though like Frenzy Farm is still mostly unchanged.

There are some new NPC's in the game called Marauders. They appear randomly and are not tied to a specific place like Henchmen. They are heavily armored and roam the map looking for players to fight. If defeated they will drop some heavier weapons like RPG launchers.

What makes Fortnite stand out from other arena-style games is that players can collect resources from the environment to build all types of structures. The structures can be made from wood, brick, or metal. Wood is the weakest structure but easiest to gather. Brick is the second strongest structure. Metal is the strongest type of structure that can be built.

## ### Gameplay

Fortnite has a very smooth gameplay experience. It has a small tutorial when you first turn on the game, but besides that tutorial, you are left mostly on your own to learn how to play the game. After the first few games, you will mostly pick up everything that you need to know.

On a mobile device, the hardest part is switching between fighting mode and building mode. You have to press a button when switching from building to fight mode, and that takes a bit of getting used to. After a while, though you will be switching back and forth with no problem. The building function takes some getting used to, especially if this is the first game you have played that has a building system in it. Building is much easier on a PC or a console platform. Since this is a cross-platform game PC players will always have an advantage over console and mobile players.

You only have five slots for gear, so you will need to be selective when choosing what to take with you. You will not be able to gather up and take with you everything that you find. Items are rated in tiers so the higher tiered items are what you will want to keep. The tiers are shown by color and the number of stars an item has. ### Final Thoughts

Fortnite is a great game! The latest version has been somewhat glitchy, but it is an enjoyable and

great game. The fights are fast-paced and exciting. Especially if you land in a crowded area, you could find yourself in multiple fights at once.

The map is colorful and very well done. Fortnite is weird in a wonderful way, and it will give you hours of fun gameplay. The map has a way of telling stories, and you will find yourself wondering what happened to the place while you are exploring the map in between fights.

There are lots of special events as limited runs too that make the game very engaging. So there is always a reason to log on just to see what is going on. Overall the response to the latest season of Fortnite has been overwhelmingly positive.

#### Advantages / Disadvantages

- The battles with other players and NPC's are fun and fast-paced.
- New and diverse locations to explore.
- Cool new NPCs such as marauders and sharks.
- Getting from one spot on the map to another can get boring at times.
- Constantly gathering supplies can get redundant.