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## ESRB Ratings

The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) ratings provide guidance about video games and apps so that consumers, especially parents, can make informed choices about the ones they deem suitable for their family.

ESRB ratings have three parts:

- ▶ **Rating Categories** suggest age appropriateness
- ▶ **Content Descriptors** indicate content that may have triggered a particular rating and/or may be of interest or concern
- ▶ **Interactive Elements** inform about interactive aspects of a product, including users' ability to interact, the sharing of users' location with other users, or the fact that personal information may be shared with third parties


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## Where to Find ESRB Rating Info

### Packaged or Boxed Games

Packaged or boxed video games available for retail sale or rental in the United States and Canada display the Rating Category on the front of the package and Content Descriptors on the back. They may also display a notice reading "Online Interactions Not Rated by the ESRB" that indicates possible exposure to user-generated content that has not been considered in the ESRB rating.



### Digitally Delivered Games and Apps

Many downloadable games carry ESRB ratings, including all those available through console-based marketplaces like Microsoft Xbox LIVE®, Nintendo® Wii Shop and Sony PlayStation® Store and on any PlayStation certified mobile device. Rating information for these games is displayed prior to download. ESRB-rated apps also typically display their rating prior to download.

### ESRB Website & Mobile App

Complete rating information for all ESRB-rated games is available by searching ESRB.org or using the free [ESRB Rating Search App](#) for iPhone®, Android™ and Windows® Phone.

### Rating Summaries

**Rating Summaries** are a supplementary source of information that give parents a detailed and straightforward description of exactly the kind of content they would want to know about when choosing a video game for their child, including specific examples of material that factored into a game's rating. Although Rating Summaries don't appear on game packages, they are available via the rating search on this website or right from the store by using the free **ESRB Rating Search App**. Rating Summaries are not available for mobile apps or games that are available solely as a download from a PC, console or handheld device.



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**Watch The Video**

A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair and a black top, standing behind two children. The children are a girl with dark hair and a boy with black hair, both wearing yellow shirts. They are sitting on a light-colored surface, possibly a couch or bed, and looking towards the viewer.