

Children are exposed to various gaming accessories. Below are the types of games where such scams may occur, and the typical age groups that play these games. The focus is on the most popular games and the types of free stuff scams that may target children within different age groups:

Game	Age Group (Years)	Type of Game	Common Accessories or In-Game Currency	Exposure to Free Stuff Scams
Roblox	7-12	Sandbox/Multiplayer	Robux (in-game currency), avatars, items	Scammers may promise free Robux or exclusive items through fake websites, YouTube videos, or in-game messages.
Fortnite	8-14	Battle Royale	V-Bucks (in-game currency), skins, emotes	Scams offering free V-Bucks are common, often through fake surveys or links that steal personal info or login credentials.
Minecraft	6-12	Sandbox/Adventure	Skins, texture packs, mods	Scammers may offer free or exclusive mods or skins via fake download links that install malware or request personal data.
Among Us	7-12	Social Deduction	Skins, pets, hats	Promises of free skins or pets via scam websites or unofficial apps that steal information or install malware.
Brawl Stars	8-14	Action/Multiplayer	Gems (in-game currency), skins	Fake websites or apps offering free gems or exclusive skins are used to trick kids into giving up login credentials or downloading malicious software.
Genshin Impact	12+	Action RPG	Primogems (in-game currency), weapons, characters	Free Primogem scams via websites, social media, or videos target players who want rare characters or weapons.
Pokémon GO	8-12	Augmented Reality	PokéCoins (in-game currency), rare items	Fake websites or apps claim to offer free PokéCoins or rare Pokémon, but often ask for personal info or payments.
Animal Crossing: New Horizons	8-14	Life Simulation	Nook Miles, furniture, villagers	Scammers offer free or rare items like furniture or villagers via social media or message boards to steal info.
Rocket League	8-14	Sports/Action	Skins, vehicles, boosts	Fake websites offering free vehicles, skins, or credits for trading can lead to account theft or scam downloads.

FIFA (Ultimate Team)	10+	Sports/Football	FIFA Coins, player cards	Promises of free FIFA Coins or player packs through scam websites or apps that phish for login info or ask for money upfront.
Apex Legends	12+	Battle Royale	Apex Coins (in-game currency), skins	Scammers use fake offers for free Apex Coins or skins to trick kids into sharing account details or downloading malware.
Clash of Clans	9-12	Strategy/Multiplayer	Gems (in-game currency), troops	Fake offers of free gems or rare troops via scam websites or apps aim to steal information or accounts.

Key Insights:

1. Primary Exposure to Scams:

- Most scams involve **in-game currency** (like Robux, V-Bucks, and Gems) or **exclusive cosmetic items** (like skins, avatars, and pets).
- Scammers often lure children by offering free in-game items through fake websites, YouTube videos, social media posts, or messages in games.

2. Vulnerability Based on Age:

- **Younger children (7-9 years)** are highly vulnerable because they are often less aware of online fraud and more eager to receive free in-game items like skins or currency.
- **Older children (10-12 years)** may be more exposed to social media-based scams but are also at risk due to their involvement in more complex games (like FIFA Ultimate Team or Genshin Impact), where high-value items and currency are a target.

3. Game Types Most Exposed:

- **Sandbox and Battle Royale games** like **Roblox**, **Fortnite**, and **Minecraft** are common targets for scammers because of the large, young player base and the desire for in-game currency and items.
- **Action and RPG games** like **Genshin Impact** and **Apex Legends** attract older children and teens, but still have similar scam patterns offering free resources or rare items.

Parents should be aware that children can encounter scams on various platforms, especially when trying to obtain in-game currencies or exclusive items. Teaching children to avoid offers that seem too good to be true and to always ask for help before clicking on links or downloading anything is essential.