

# THE TECHNICAL STUFF

## PLATFORMS

Minecraft is available on a number of platforms. You can play on your computer (either PC or Mac), on Xbox, or on mobile devices. The game varies slightly depending on which platform you use.

## MODES

You can play alone in single player, or ask a friend to show you what to do in multiplayer. For the purposes of this book we have assumed you'll be starting out on your own in single player.

## CREATIVE MODE OR SURVIVAL MODE

Next, you'll be asked to choose either Creative or Survival mode.

Game Mode: Creative

Game Mode: Survival

In **Creative mode**, no monsters will attack you, you'll be able to fly around, and you'll have a full inventory of items. This is great if you want unlimited resources to build amazing creations and buildings without having them blown up by creepers every night.



In **Survival mode** you get to have lots of fun fighting off monsters. You can choose to play in different levels of difficulty. If you're a beginner it's best to start off with normal difficulty, but you can also choose easy, hard, or peaceful.



The decision is yours!

## LEVELS

As you play you will earn experience points, which will enable you to level up. The green bar shows your current level, so you can see how close you are to reaching the next level. Experience points are earned when you mine items and kill monsters. Experience orbs will appear and you can pick them up.



**DID YOU KNOW?** There are 17 experience points to each of the first 16 levels of the game. Once you reach level 17, the number of points needed to rank up increases with each level you achieve, making progress more difficult.

**TIP:** Experience points will come in useful when you learn how to enchant items to improve their performance. You can use your experience points as a method of payment to enchant objects like tools, weapons, and armor.

# CONTROLS

## MINECRAFT PC/MAC CONTROLS

The screenshot shows the 'Controls' menu with the following keybindings:

| Button 1 | Attack     | Button 2 | Use Item     |
|----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| W        | Forward    | A        | Left         |
| S        | Back       | D        | Right        |
| SPACE    | Jump       | LSHIFT   | Sneak        |
| Q        | Drop       | E        | Inventory    |
| T        | Chat       | TAB      | List Players |
| Button 3 | Pick Block | SLASH    | Command      |

Below the menu is a mouse with three callouts:

- LEFT CLICK / BUTTON 1**
- RIGHT CLICK / BUTTON 2**
- SCROLL / BUTTON 3**



### DID YOU KNOW?

There's a 3-D mode! Go to Options, Video Settings, then turn 3-D Anaglyph mode on. All you need are some red-and-blue 3-D glasses.



**TIP:** Hold your Shift key down when exploring ledges and cliff tops. This will allow you to sneak around and will stop you falling over the edge.

## MINECRAFT XBOX 360 EDITION CONTROLS

**LT (LEFT TRIGGER):** place/use item

**RT (RIGHT TRIGGER):** destroy/mine item

**LB/RB (LEFT BUMPER/RIGHT BUMPER):** change the selected item

**B:** jump/fly  
**Y:** drop/throw item  
**X:** open crafting menu  
**Z:** open inventory

**LEFT ANALOG STICK (MOVE FORWARD TWICE IN QUICK SUCCESSION):** run

**LEFT ANALOG STICK (PRESSED DOWN):** fly lower in Creative mode or change camera angle

**LEFT ANALOG STICK:** move

**RIGHT ANALOG STICK:** look

**RIGHT ANALOG STICK (PRESSED DOWN):** sneak/walk



## MINECRAFT POCKET EDITION CONTROLS

**JUMP:** center circle button

**FORWARD/BACKWARD/LEFT/RIGHT:** arrow buttons

**PLACE/USE ITEM:** tap screen in desired area

**DESTROY/MINE ITEM:** tap and hold screen in desired area

**OPEN INVENTORY:** tap triple dot button on right of hotbar



# INVENTORY

Your inventory is the place where everything you mine and collect is stored. You can open your inventory at any time during the game. See pages 12–13 to check how to do it on your device.

## CRAFTING GRID

Place ingredients here to craft them into useful items and tools.

## OUTPUT SQUARE

Your newly crafted item will appear here.



## ITEMS

Most items are stackable up to a maximum of 64 per slot.

## STORAGE

There are 27 storage slots available in your inventory.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Crafting is trickier on a PC or Mac than on the Xbox 360 or Pocket Editions. The Xbox 360 and Pocket Editions tell you what you can make with the items you have, but on a PC or Mac you have to figure it out for yourself.

When you exit your inventory, a line of 9 hotkey slots will appear at the bottom of your screen. This is your hotbar, which is a mini-inventory where you can keep the things you use most often.



Just move an item from your inventory into one of the hotkey slots to assign it. When you select a slot, the item saved in that slot will appear in your hand, ready to be used.



**TIP:** A well-organized hotbar might just save your life. Keep at least one weapon and one source of food in your hotbar at all times so you can defend yourself against a hostile enemy or quickly fill up your food bar.



# SURVIVAL MODE: FIRST MOMENTS

**Y**ou will begin your game, or spawn, at daybreak in a randomly generated environment. Take a moment to look around and see what resources you've got to work with.

If you're lucky, you'll find yourself in an area full of natural resources like trees, rocks, water, and animals that you can use to make useful items. If you're unlucky, you might find yourself on a tiny island in the middle of a vast ocean with no resources and nothing useful in sight!



**LUCKY SPAWN**

Trees – check! Rocks – check! Water – check! Animals – check! Perfect!




**UNLUCKY SPAWN**

Stranded in the middle of the ocean on a tiny island. Uh-oh . . .




**DID YOU KNOW?** If you die, you reappear at your spawn point. Mark a trail from your spawn point to the shelter you will build. That way, if you die, you can always get back to the safety of your home quickly!


**1**




In Minecraft, a day only lasts 10 minutes, so there's no time to waste. The sun will rise in the east and set in the west. Keep track of its progress through the sky so you know how close it is to nightfall, which is when the monsters come out. More about them later! Once you find some more resources, you'll be able to craft a clock. (See page 70 for recipe.)



**2**



Your main priorities are to find a few basic resources and a good spot to build a shelter for the night to keep you safe from monsters. First, head for the nearest tree and hit the trunk repeatedly with your hand. After a few moments the section of the trunk you're hitting will fall away as a small cube of wood, which you can pick up. It will then appear in your inventory.

 **TIP:** When harvesting trees, the wood blocks should automatically come toward you and pop into your inventory. If they don't, you might not be standing close enough. Just step forward a few paces to pick them up.

**3**

Repeat Step 2 until you have at least 15 blocks in your hotbar. Open your inventory and drag one block of wood into any of the crafting squares to create four planks of wood.

**WOODEN PLANKS RECIPE**



**4**

Move the planks into your inventory to save them. Then drag them back into the crafting area. Four planks will make a crafting table, which is a very useful tool.

**CRAFTING TABLE RECIPE**

