

# Using Ignite at Home:

## Best Practices for Maximizing Learning Time With Ignite by Hatch™

Ignite by Hatch™ is a powerful tool for supporting your child's learning in a fun, engaging way. Here's how to make the most of it at home.

### Maximize Learning Time:

#### Set a consistent schedule for Ignite play.

- If mornings are busy, make Ignite part of an afternoon routine. *"After snack time, we'll play Ignite for 10 minutes before heading outside!"*
- Use Ignite during quiet time or unstructured time. *"After you put your dishes in the sink, you can play Ignite for a few minutes before we read a book."*



#### Keep sessions short and engaging.

- Instead of a long session, break Ignite time into short, focused bursts. *"Let's play one Ignite game now, and then you can play another one after dinner."*
- Watch for signs that your child is losing interest and stop before they feel frustrated. *"Looks like you're getting tired. Let's finish up and play again tomorrow!"*

### Use the Progress Dashboard:

#### Check Ignite's real-time reports to track progress.

- Log in weekly to see your child's learning milestones. *"Wow! You're great at finding rhyming words! Let's practice together."*
- Look for trends in skill development. *"I noticed you've been working on patterns. Let's find patterns around the house—maybe in the tiles or your socks!"*

#### Identify areas where your child may need extra support.

- Engage in fun and educational activities together using the recommended activities on the dashboard. *"You've been learning about nutrition, let's play a game called 'Healthy Choices.'"*
- If the dashboard shows a challenge with counting, integrate it into play. *"Let's count how many steps it takes to walk from the couch to the kitchen!"*
- If a game on letter sounds is tricky, reinforce learning with books. *"Your game showed you the letter 'm' today. Let's find words that start with 'm' in this story!"*

#### Discuss progress in a positive way.

- Instead of focusing on mistakes, praise effort. *"You worked really hard on that new game! I love how you kept trying."*
- Encourage persistence. *"Some games are tricky at first, but the more you play, the better you get. Let's try again tomorrow!"*

## Engage With Digital Play Together:

### Ask your child to explain what they are learning.

- After playing, encourage reflection and reinforce learning. *"What did you do in Ignite today?"*
- If your child plays a sorting game, ask them to sort toys by color or shape afterward. *"Can you put all the red blocks together like you did in Ignite?"*



### Connect digital learning to real-life experiences.

- If your child played a shape game, ask them to find shapes around the house. *"You found circles in your game. Can you find something that's shaped like a circle in our kitchen?"*
- If they worked on letter sounds, practice with environmental print. *"You learned the letter 's' today! Do you see a word that starts with 's' in the grocery store?"*

### Use Ignite as a conversation starter.

- Ask open-ended questions. *"What was your favorite game today? What made it fun?"*
- Make learning interactive. *"You learned about rhyming words. Can we think of three words that rhyme with cat together?"*

## Make Ignite a Fun Challenge:

### Create a reward system for Ignite play.

- Make a star chart where your child earns a star each time they play Ignite for 10 minutes. After 10 stars, they get a fun reward, like choosing a family movie or a special treat.
- Use a token system—each time your child plays Ignite, they put a token in a jar. When the jar is full, they earn a prize.

### Incorporate Ignite into a family challenge.

- Set a weekly goal and celebrate when it's reached! *"If you play Ignite for 30 minutes this week, we'll have a family game night!"*

## Make Ignite a Reward or an Incentive:

### Treat Ignite as a privilege.

- Treat Ignite as a special activity your child earns after completing a task, like finishing their homework or cleaning up toys. *"Great job completing your chores today! You can have 10 minutes on Ignite before dinner."*

### **Incorporate sibling or parent-child play.**

- If multiple children use Ignite, create a fun challenge where they compare progress in a playful way, like *"Who can find the most rhyming words this week?"* As a parent, you can also play alongside your child and try to "learn" with them.

### **Tie Ignite Into Everyday Routines:**

#### **Introduce a morning brain boost.**

- Encourage Ignite play first thing in the morning as a wake-up activity to start the day with learning. *"Good morning! You can play Ignite while I make breakfast."*

#### **Play Ignite before bedtime.**

- If screen time before bed works for your family, use Ignite as a quiet, engaging activity before story time. *"You can play Ignite for 5 minutes, and then we'll read a story before bed."*

#### **Incorporate weekend Ignite time.**

- Dedicate 15-20 minutes on the weekend to Ignite as part of "family learning time. Click on the gear icon and touch "one-two-three-four". Then click on "Explore Ignite" and find games to play.

### **Celebrate Learning Together:**

#### **Showcase achievements.**

- Print out or write down learning milestones and display them on the fridge or a bulletin board. Celebrate when your child reaches a new milestone in Ignite. *"Here's our goal—let's see if you can play for 30 minutes this week!"*

#### **Create an "Ignite Expert" badge.**

- When your child reaches a milestone (e.g., 30 minutes of Ignite play per week), they get an "Ignite Expert" badge and can teach a younger sibling or stuffed animal what they learned. *"Show Michael your badge and tell him what you learned this week!"*

### **Engage the Whole Family:**

#### **Encourage grandparent/relative/family friend check-ins.**

- Have your child share something they learned on Ignite with a grandparent, cousin, or friend during a video call or visit. *"Tell Grandma Suze about the pattern game you played today!"*