

Ember FAQs

About Ember

- **What is Ember?**
 - **Ember extends Ignite Reading’s focus on foundational reading skills beyond tutoring sessions with up to 10 minutes of personalized, independent practice each day.**
Students work with Ember for 1–5 minutes on their Classroom Portal before their tutoring session and can continue for another 5 minutes post-session. Ember focuses on building foundational reading skills through targeted reinforcement activities.



Student Experience

- **Who is eligible for Ember?**
 - All Ignite Reading students are eligible for Ember. The activities each student sees depend on where they are in the Ignite Reading program—for example, students working on early alphabetic principle and letter-sound correspondence practice letter identification with Pop the Letters, while students developing basic decoding skills and above practice with Word Decoder and Word Transformer.
- **Will Ember impact my students’ time in their Ignite Reading tutoring session?**
 - No, students’ Ignite Reading tutoring sessions will remain at 15 minutes daily.
- **When can students engage in Ember?**
 - Students can engage in Ember 1-5 minutes prior to their tutoring block, with the opportunity to continue practicing with Ember in the 5 minutes post-tutoring as well. If a student logs in *less than* 1 minute prior to tutoring, they will be taken directly to their tutoring session.
- **When will newly added students be able to access Ember?**
 - New students can start using Ember right away. Initial practice opportunities will focus on foundational skills with word decoding but will adapt as the student progresses through content.
- **How will Ember change the trajectory of how students will move through the program?**
 - Our data suggests that it will accelerate student growth through tutor session content and early literacy mastery. In our Fall 2025 pilot, students with 3 minutes in Ember practiced over 5 words per session and mastered 10% more high-frequency words. Our most recent analysis identified that, for words practiced through Ember, there was an 8.3

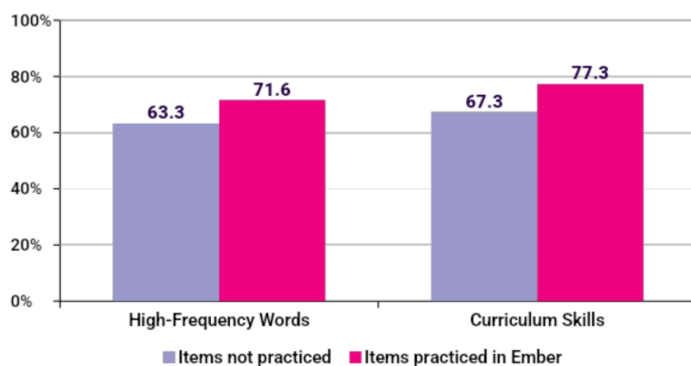
percentage point increase for high frequency words and a 10 percentage point increase for skill gap words compared to those not practiced in Ember.

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The Ember Effect: All Schools

With just **5 minutes of Ember a day**, the words and skills students practiced were mastered at higher rates on progress monitoring.



Accuracy gains from practice

▲ **+8.3 pts**

in high-frequency word accuracy

▲ **+10 pts**

in curriculum skill accuracy

Mastery on progress monitoring — items practiced in Ember vs. items not practiced. Ignite Reading, 2025.

- **Does Ember leverage AI technology?**

- All Ember content and curriculum are human-designed by our reading specialists and grounded in the Science of Reading.
- **Ember does NOT use:**
 - Generative AI or large language models (like ChatGPT)
 - AI-generated instructional content
 - Chatbots or conversational AI interacting with students
- **Ember does use:**
 - **Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)** is an AI-assisted technology used in Word Decoder and Word Transformer. It listens to students read aloud and analyzes their pronunciation at the phoneme level, helping us identify which sounds and skills they've mastered. Pop the Letters does not use ASR—students interact by selecting letters on screen.

Ember Practice Opportunities

- **Word Decoder**

- For students working on basic decoding and above, Ember presents a personalized mix of mastered and newly taught high-frequency words. Students read the



various words aloud and Ember evaluates their pronunciation.

■ **High Frequency Words**

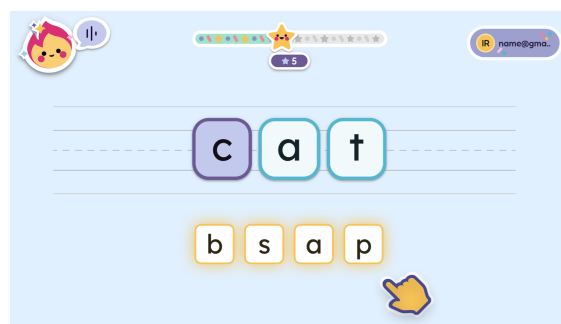
- Students practice both mastered and newly taught high-frequency words to build automaticity, reinforce reading speed, and ensure routine exposure to these high-priority words.

■ **Skill Gap Words**

- Once students have practiced all their taught high-frequency words, Ember serves personalized skill gap words—words specifically chosen to target phonics patterns where the student needs additional practice, based on their assessment data.
- When a student masters all their HFWs, Ember will also prioritize skill gap words after the student practices with one mastered HFW for initial confidence building / review.

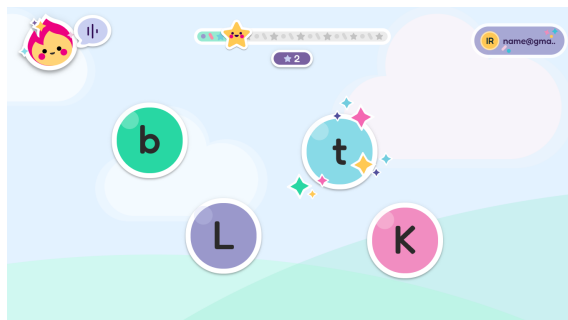
● **Word Transformer**

- Word Transformer is our newest Ember activity currently focused on supporting phonemic awareness and phonics alongside Word Decoder.
- Students working on basic decoding and beyond will alternate between Word Decoding and Word Transformer between sessions.
- In Word Transformer, students practice modifying words by changing one sound (phoneme) at a time—for example, “cat” to “bat” to “bit.” This strengthens phonemic awareness and decoding skills.
- Word Transformer content is personalized to target the specific phoneme-grapheme patterns each student needs, drawing on their assessment and mastery data.



- **Pop the Letters**

- Students working on early alphabetic principle and letter-sound correspondence engage with Pop the Letters—an interactive letter identification game that builds foundational alphabetic knowledge. Students are provided with target phonemes (letter sounds) and are required to identify the appropriate grapheme (letter) that corresponds based on its most common pronunciation.



Data

- **What data is Ignite Reading capturing through Ember?**
 - Ignite Reading captures data on student attendance, engagement and mastery.
- **How will I know which students are engaging in Ember—will there be data reports?**
 - Your Literacy Success Partner (LSP) will share Ember data with you as part of your Student Impact Updates, which will include Ember usage data. We are also working to incorporate Ember data in Ignite Reading's School Portal in the 2026–2027 academic school year—stay tuned!

Set-Up

- **Is there additional technology set-up required for Ember?**
 - Good news—you've already done most of the setup by hosting Ignite Reading! Just ensure:
 - **Headsets on, volume up and microphones unobstructed** (students need to hear and speak to Ember). Where possible, have students use Ember in a quieter space—reducing background noise helps improve the accuracy of speech recognition.
 - **Pop-ups are allowed** from <https://students.ignite-reading.com> to enable automatic transition to tutoring sessions (otherwise your students will have to manually press a button to transition)
 - **Product Analytics tracking is allowed** from <https://heapanalytics.com> to enable Ignite Reading to research the user experience and improve the product

Feedback & Support

- **How can I get support?**
 - Please visit and [complete the Support Form on Ignite Reading's Knowledge Base](#) (select "Ember") and our Technology Support Team will be in touch with you.