# **Screen Time Tips for the Early Years**

Keep singing, talking, cuddling, and sharing stories – you are already doing it.



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**Children's brains grow and learn starting right from birth.** They learn best hearing loving words in **any** language. Especially from their parents, relatives and grandparents!

Using screens can reduce the time you spend face-to-face with your child. It can affect your child's ability to pay attention, listen, speak, read and write.

#### Try to limit screen time.



### Set healthy screen time habits for your family

Kids copy the adults in their lives. If you are always looking at a screen, they will want to, too.

You can:

- Set family habits for when, why, and how long you'll use a screen.
- Turn off the device when the show or game ends.
- Try putting away your device during mealtimes or playtime with your child.



## When kids are using screens, be involved.

You can:

- Connect what is happening on the screen to real life.
  "We went fishing just like those kids."
- Ask questions. "What do you think will happen next?"
- Talk about what you see and how the characters feel. "The boy is crying. He looks upset."





### Choose kid-friendly content

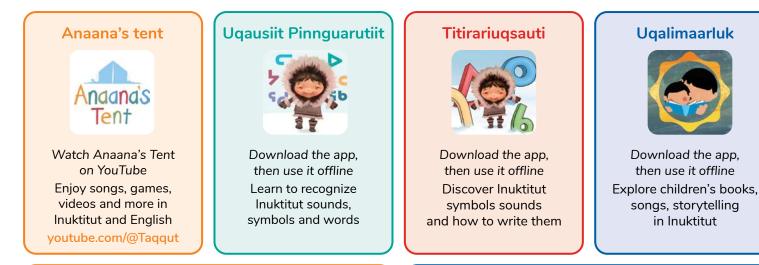
Try to pick programs or apps that:

- Are made for your child's age group
- Have specific learning goals
- Are interactive and involve creative activities
- Have people or characters who talk to each other

#### Explore ways to support learning Inuktitut

Do you want to help your kids learn lnuktitut? Visit: childrensliteracy.ca/NunavutFamilyResources Here, you will find many Nunavut-based lnuktitut apps and websites such as:





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