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Bejeweled® Blitz seems so simple... but behind all those glittering gems, there are countless strategies just waiting to be discovered. And we're here to help! Whether you want to soar to the top of your friends' leaderboards, or just beat your own high score, this handy little guide should do the trick.

Enjoy these Bejeweled Blitz tips (and other fun facts) straight from the “experts”—the people at PopCap Games!



Bejeweled Blitz Tip 1

I Can't Wait!

When you see multiple matches on the board, don't wait for the gems to drop from match #1 to make match #2. If you're fast, you can make at least one extra match before all the gems fall into place!



All-time high score: 240,000

Main platform: PC download

Longest playing streak: 3 hours; I was also 45 minutes late to meeting a friend for dinner because I lost track of time. Oh, I can play just... one... more... game.

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Midnight Cuban

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Cleaning my house, but who really wants to do that?

—Shana, Business Team

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 2

Boost Combo Action!

Try combining these three Boosts: Detonator, Mystery gem and Free Multiplier. With that rollout, you can make a couple of matches to try to match the Multiplier right away. If you can't, go ahead and trigger it with the Detonator. It's a fast track to a bunch of points.



All-time high score: 350,000-ish, depending on the platform

Main platform: PC download

Longest playing streak: Jeez... an hour?

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:

The club sandwich at B's Diner in Edmonton... before it became B's diner. That thing was a monster, a softball of food you could cache and eat half of for supper!

The most important thing you've missed

while playing: Writing the Bejeweled Blitz "read me."

—Stephen, Game Studio

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 3

Size It Up

In the PC download game, you can easily resize the screen to whatever size you like best. This works great if you play on a big computer screen. I recommend resizing it so you have a complete view of the game board (without having to move your eyes too far across the board).



All-time high score: Around 465,600

Main platform: Can't choose one — PC download, Facebook online and iPod touch

Longest playing streak: About 3 hours

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Coming from the Netherlands, I dream of a “broodje kroket” with mustard — a Dutch delicacy not available in the US. I wish I had one right now with some fries and mayonnaise. Delicious!

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Reading a bedtime story to my son... but it only happened once!

—John, Marketing

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 4

Bottoms Up!

Imagine the board is divided into 4 quadrants, and keep scanning each for new matches. But favor the bottom 2 quadrants, since they affect the board most. Matches at the bottom cause bigger cascades than matches at the top!



All-time high score: Around 375,000

Main platform: PC download

Longest playing streak: About 15 games

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
No time to eat!

The most important thing you've missed while playing: It's a one-minute game... so I haven't missed a thing!

—Dave, Game Studio

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 5

Let's Start Over

Sometimes it's better to just restart a game rather than finishing the full minute. You can reset and refocus. I sometimes restart if I haven't earned any multipliers or special gems in the first 15 seconds. And sometimes, I restart just because I have a bad feeling about a game board.



All-time high score: 522,000

Main platform: iPhone

Longest playing streak: About 2 hours

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:

I tend to daydream about this sandwich: ham, egg mayo, no butter, mayo, cucumber, tomato and lettuce on plain white bread.

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Nothing too important... probably just some good movies.

—Cathy, Public Relations

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 6

Save Your Boosts

Your Bejeweled Blitz skills can run hot and cold, so it's best to save up Boosts until you're on a hot streak. Once you're consistently getting decent scores, cash in those coins for Boosts and grab the big scores!



All-time high score: 464,900

Main platform: Mac at home, PC at work

Longest playing streak: About 1 hour

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Spicy turkey and salami with Swiss on Asiago bagel

The most important thing you've missed while playing: I'm not sure, but there are rumors going around that I missed the apocalypse. I heard it was neat.

—Matt, Customer Service

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 7

Touchy Feely

For touch screens only: Play both sides of the board at once, using a finger on each side to move and match gems. It works great for touch screens, including iPhone and iPod touch.



All-time high score: 686,000

Main platform: It's a tie—PC download and iPhone

Longest playing streak: 3 hours

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Roast beef and turkey on wheat

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Dinner with my girlfriend!

—Bart, Marketing

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 8

Hypercube Hijinks

Be smart about the gem color you detonate with a Hypercube. The most common gem on the board should be option one. But don't forget these other motivators: go for a multiplier if one exists; if there are a lot of gems of one color at the bottom of the board rather than the top, it could cause a huge cascade.



All-time high score: This week's was something in the 289,000 range.

Main platform: Facebook online

Longest playing streak: I usually play while waiting for something else to happen. So, maybe 10-15 minutes once in a while?

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing: I'm likelier to eat an apple than a sandwich.

The most important thing you've missed while playing: I don't think I've missed anything due to Blitz. Maybe food in the kitchen went by before I could get some.

—Dana, Customer Service

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 9

Jump Start

Don't wait for the voice to say "GO!" If you see a match as the gems are falling, go for it. You could be on your way to a cascade before the timer even starts. Wait, that's not cheating, is it?



All-time high score: 64,700

Main platform: PC

Longest playing streak: 20 minutes

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing: If I fold a slice of pizza in half, does that count as a sandwich?

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Probably a meeting. But how important could it have been?

—Philip, Creative Lab

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 10

Spare Change

Don't be distracted by coins on the board. Focus on making matches, not just getting the coins. You do get extra points when you collect coins during the game, but you also get to bank the coins when time is up.



All-time high score: Almost 500,000

Main platform: iPhone

Longest playing streak: Probably an hour

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Ice cream sandwiches!

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Homework, papers, projects etc.

—Xuyen, Marketing

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 11

Multiplication Tables

Focus on getting a special gem as quickly as possible. It's the fastest way to earning a multiplier, and multipliers are the key to a great score.



All-time high score: Around 540,000

Main platform: Facebook online

Longest playing streak: It's hard to know for sure... but probably not longer than 2 hours.

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
What? I can't stop to eat.

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Nothing too serious... I hope.

—Borja, Customer Service

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 12

Keep Hope Alive!

Sometimes it's not a great idea to restart the game just because you have a bad board. You may surprise yourself at the end of the game. And if nothing else, you can focus on collecting coins.



All-time high score: 549,000

Main platform: Facebook online

Longest playing streak: 1½ hours

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:

No time to eat while playing, but if I could manage to multi-task it would be Cuban Pulled Pork from Paseo's in Seattle.

The most important thing you've missed while playing: I was playing Bejeweled Blitz on the iPhone on the bus, looked up and was past my stop. It was dark and raining hard too, so it was a tough walk home.

—Paula, Creative Lab

Bejeweled Blitz Tip 13

Who Needs Thumbs?

Try the game on all the different platforms and see which one you like best. They all taste good to me.



All-time high score: 15 Doggie Treats

Main platform: Couch in game room

Longest playing streak: All the way across the dog park.

Favorite sandwich to eat while playing:
Whatever people drop.

The most important thing you've missed while playing: Someone dropping a sandwich.

—Noni, PopCap's Office Dog

Conclusion



Here's one final piece of advice from all of us at PopCap: practice, practice, practice. You'll only get better if you keep on playing.

So go play!



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