Apps for Learning



Description

"This is the future of sharing stories! Fun, Simple, and Easy!" Jen - Mom and elementary school teacher

This is a cheap book maker.

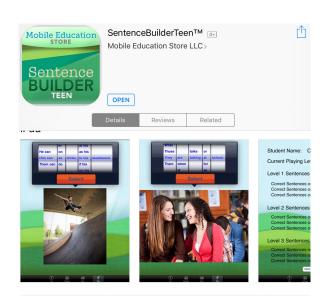
There is a free version, which allows one picture to a page. The pro version is still very cheap, but allows up to six pictures on a page.

(Six is probably too cluttered, but two or three is handy sometimes)

The big advantage of this app is that you can record the sentences and have each word highlighted as it sounds (it takes a bit of fiddling around, but is quick and easy after the first couple of times)

It's not so easy to email and print, though, so is best used directly on the iPad.

Tips: you can lock books once they're finished. The app can be installed on a phone, so it could be used as a reminder of a sequence when out and about.



This app focuses on grammar and sentence structure.

It's age appropriate, and some of the pictures may spark conversation.

I usually try to get people talking about the picture first before trying to figure out the sentence. Once the sentence is complete, it's worth reading it aloud, as sometimes having both the written and auditory information when trying to decide if the sentence looks and sounds right.











This is a cheap, game based app.

It is useful for sequencing (find a recipe, make the mixture, put on a tray, bake, decorate, eat!!)

Use printed screenshots to work on sequencing and narrative, before using the app as a reward.

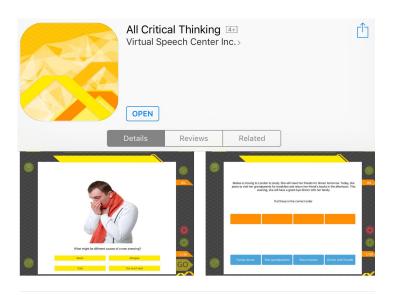
The recipes actually work, so this can also be used for rehearsal before baking!

There are lots of examples of this type of app, but I chose this, as it has the full sequence, from recipe to eating, and no distracting music or flashing ads.

The company does make healthier versions, making soup or omelettes, but this one is the favourite among the children I work with. (no surprises there...)

Tip: take screenshots and print the stages. Use for sequences and linking sentences into narrative.

Apps for reasoning



This is an American app designed by therapists to promote critical thinking. There are some sections where there is a short text, and the student is asked to identify the most important information. Identifying key points is important for lots of things (for general conversation, as well as problem solving!)

It also has a section focused on sequencing information.

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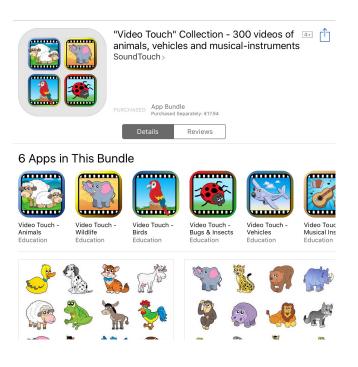
The All Critical Thinking app targets problem solving, reasoning, and critical thinking and can be used in language or cognitive therapy sessions with children ages 10 and up and adults with cognitive or language deficits and disorders.



These are the electronic versions of the "super duper" therapy cards.

There's nothing too exciting here, but these are useful prompts for games working on lots of aspects of verbal reasoning.

Apps for Learning: vocabulary



These are beautifully designed apps.

Vocabulary is presented in categories, covering animals, insects, birds, transport and musical instruments. Although the icons are presented as cartoon drawings, each icon leads to four different short videos which are appropriate for all ages. The videos mean that this is good for targeting verbs, as well as nouns.

Unfortunately the written word is not included, so you may need to make flash cards to go along with this, but the videos are interesting enough to generate conversations.



focus on categorisation- either naming words in categories, or identifying the connections between words. (This is important, as organising language into chunks helps memory load and recall.)

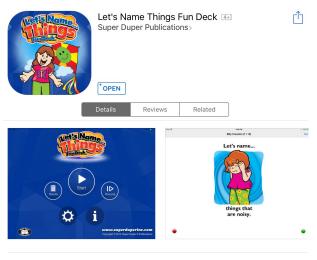
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They are inexpensive, designed by speech and language therapists, and there are lots of different apps targeting specific aspects of language. (These are just two that I use regularly)

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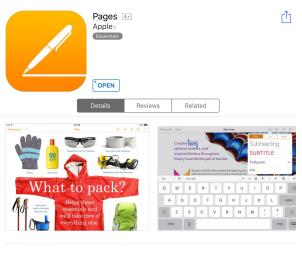
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Apps for Learning: basic tools

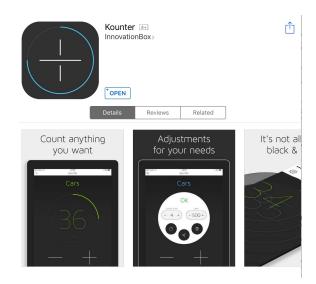


This is included with newer iPads.

It is quick and easy to use, and makes creating and printing individualised materials less of a chore!

Description

Pages is the most beautiful word processor you've ever seen on a mobile device. This powerful word processor helps you create gorgeous reports, CVs and documents in minutes. Pages has been designed exclusively for



This is particularly useful for older children and teenagers. If you need repetitions of something it gives a clear visual of what is being asked, how many they have already done, and how many more are required.

You set the target (it's a written word, so works better for readers), you set the number (between 10 and 100) and you click for each time this is done.

Tip: if you're practicing a core word or sound, and you need lots of reps, this is worth trying.



Description

Tap Roulette is like drawing straws 2.0

Each friend puts a finger down on the screen and one will be selected.

Use it to make decisions like who has to take out the garbage, or where to eat lunch.

Up to 11 fingers supported on the iPad. Up to 5 fingers are supported on the iPhone. This is a fun way of deciding who goes first, or who's going to speak next.

It's important to have a clear model of the type of response that's expected (rather than continually being stuck in the role of just asking the questions), so make sure you put your finger into the pool!