

# Recommended iPad/iPod Apps Suitable for Primary School Students

In the last Bulletin, DSF profiled a number of apps that were suitable for supporting secondary students and more specifically apps that can be used to accommodate the difficulties that a student may be having. In this Bulletin, we are focusing on those apps that are suitable for use with primary school aged students. Many of the apps designed to suit older students are still useful for primary aged students, particularly those in upper primary, and should not be discounted based on the age of the student. Where primary school students differ, is that we place a greater level of focus on supporting students through the provision of targeted and specific remediation and good quality instruction. The apps below are well researched apps that can be used throughout primary school as remediation activities and also as a tool to support and reinforce the general learning process.

Whilst the role of iPads in education is fast evolving, it is important to remember that an iPad is simply a tool in the teaching and learning toolkit. It doesn't replace good quality teaching practices nor does it replace the teacher. An iPad and the associated apps should be seen as a tool that integrates into the teaching and learning process to improve student engagement, motivation and learning, whilst addressing the individual learning needs of the student.

Please note that the text in brackets in blue in the far left column is the developer's name. We advise you check this name when downloading your app to ensure the correct one is chosen (many apps have similar, sometimes identical, names).

Phonological Awareness	Description	Cost
<b>HearBuilder</b> (Super Duper Publications)	Interactive program aimed at improving phonological awareness and listening skills.	Full – Free
<b>Syllables Splash</b> (Smarty Ears)	Interactive game teaching syllable segmentation.	Lite – Free Full – \$8.49
<b>Beginning Sounds Interactive game</b> (Lakeshore Learning Materials)	Students match words that share the same beginning sound. Aimed at children aged 4-7.	Full – \$0.99
<b>Blending SE (95 Percent Group)</b>	App used to support the teaching of blending sounds.	Full – \$2.99
<b>ABC Phonics Rhyming Words</b> (Abitalk Incorporated)	Fun game for younger students to practice matching sounds.	Lite – Free Full – \$2.99
<b>Sound Beginnings</b> (Preschool University)	Targets sound identification – beginning, middle, and ending sounds.	Full – Free
<b>Phonics Rhyming Bee</b> (Abitalk)	Fun app for learning to recognise rhyming words and sort them by sound.	Lite – Free Full – \$2.99
Phonics	Description	Cost
<b>Starfall</b> (Starfall Education)	Interactive games that allow students to work with letters and sounds. There are a number of apps available to support phonics and reading development.	Full – \$2.99
<b>SoundLiteracy</b> (3D Literacy)	Uses letter tiles to build and spell words. Helps reinforce the sound based approach to spelling.	Full – \$25.99
<b>Twinkl Phonics</b>	Multiple apps available for each phase of "Letters and Sounds".	Lite – Free Full – \$4.49 - \$7.49
<b>ABC Pocket Phonics</b>	One of the best phonics apps. Strongly linked to structured synthetic phonics and comes with a parent guide.	Lite – Free Full – \$2.99
<b>Oz Phonics</b>	Australian based phonics app with 4 levels of difficulty.	Full – \$1.99 - \$2.99
<b>WriteOn Phonics</b> (Nicki Wise)	Use of tiles to support the link between letters and sounds. Allows for visual representations of correct letter formation and direction as well as letter sound links.	Full – \$0.99
<b>LadyBird Phonics</b>	Synthetic Phonics app with 12 levels.	Full – \$7.49
Fluency and Comprehension	Description	Cost
<b>One Minute Reader</b> (Read Naturally)	Structured Reading program aimed at improving reading fluency.	Lite – Free Full – \$20.99
<b>2nd grade reading comprehension</b> (Abitalk Inc)	20 fictional stories and questions to assist with reading comprehension development.	Lite – Free Full – \$2.99

<b>Painless reading comprehension (Barron's Educational Series)</b>	Reading comprehension app.	<b>Full – Free</b>
<b>K12 Timed Reading</b>	Allows for the practice of fluency and comprehension.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$4.49
<b>Reading Comprehension Practice (Interactive Learning Success)</b>	Builds reading confidence, fluency and comprehension. Different levels aimed at Pre-Primary to year 4.	Full – \$1.99
<b>Reading Comprehension (CPP)</b>	Teachers' resource to assist with teaching reading comprehension. Includes lesson plans, pre-assessment, reading passages and assessment activities.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99

<b>Vocabulary/Grammar</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Vocabulary and Grammar (Tribal Nova)</b>	Language development games for early literacy. Aimed at children ages 3-6.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$2.99
<b>Eggy Vocabulary</b>	Based on Reading Eggs.	Full – \$1.99
<b>Vocabulary Practice: Greek and Latin Words (Clever Dragons)</b>	Game aimed at building knowledge of Greek and Latin Words. Additional apps are available to build upper primary apps along with only Latin or only Greek Words.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99
<b>Latin Vocabulary Practice (Clever Dragons)</b>	Quiz app that helps build vocabulary skills and knowledge of word origins.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99
<b>Little Mouse Vocabulary</b>	Vocab building.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$0.99
<b>Grammar: Punctuation (Clever Dragons)</b>	Practice punctuation in a fun way. This app lets you practice punctuation rules starting from basic to advanced concepts.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99

<b>Writing</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>iWriteWords (gdplus)</b>	Letter formation practice.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$2.99
<b>iDiary for kids</b>	Journal app that uses pictures and writing.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99
<b>Sentence Builder (Abitalk)</b>	Focuses on correct sentence structure along with skills in pronunciation, grammar and punctuation. Aimed at students in Pre-Primary, year 1 and year 2.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$5.49
<b>Children Writing (Mae ye)</b>	Handwriting and letter formation practice.	<b>Full – Free</b>
<b>Jumbled Sentences (Innovative Net Learning Ltd)</b>	Designed for beginning students to improve their writing skills. A number of apps are available across 7 different difficulty levels.	<b>Full – Free</b>

<b>Numeracy</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Number sense HD</b>	Designed to promote the development of number sense.	Full – \$0.99
<b>Native Numbers</b>	Number sense and basic maths skills.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$5.49
<b>10 Frame Fill</b>	Concept of number and development of number bonds.	<b>Full – Free</b>
<b>Bugs and Numbers</b>	Early number skills. Additional apps are available to build up other mathematical skills (Bugs and Buttons) and other key learning skills (Bugs and Bubbles).	Full – \$2.99
<b>Number Line</b>	Practice counting and completing the number line.	<b>Full – Free</b>
<b>Maths for kids – Time Tables (Angelico)</b>	Times table practice and drills.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99
<b>Pick a path</b>	Maths fact practice.	<b>Full – Free</b>
<b>Teaching Number Lines (Aleesha Kondys)</b>	Introduces the concept of number lines to young students through the use of frogs that jump.	<b>Lite – Free</b> Full – \$1.99

**Note:** Apps listed as Lite are usually supported by advertising and can be restricted in the number of games or levels available. Apps listed as Full generally have no ads and all levels/features are unlocked. Lite versions of these apps are designed for you to review the suitability of an app prior to purchasing. This list was updated on 31 August 2013.