

iPad App Suggestions

I am often asked- "what are some good apps?" This is a difficult question to answer as there are millions available and more are being added every day. The ones that I use in therapy sessions I have come across at workshops, clients themselves have shown me as well as some trial and error!

The following link takes you to a great (short) article that gives ideas on how to promote language development and to make the most out of devices in our technology focussed world!

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/technology-corner.aspx>

Additionally, below are a few suggestions of apps that tend to be both fun and educational to help get you started:

Doodle Buddy- good for picture description, using language to describe and give directions. Can be used as a personal whiteboard, create scenes for stories, etc.

Chicktionary- good for older children's literacy development. Supports word finding skills, practicing word families and blending skills.

Mr. Potato Head- great for practicing turn-taking, labelling, describing, creative thinking and more! Warning: very Addictive!!!

Rory's Language Cubes- another good app for upper primary students and beyond. 'Shake' the dice which have different themes, characters and settings. Then move the dice around to create an exciting story to tell/share. great for oral narrative skills!

Story Wheel- is another story telling app. You choose a theme and then 'spin the wheel' to gain an idea for each 'page of the story'. You record yourself saying each page of the story and then at the end you can play it back. Great for making a story as a family and taking turns - could also be great for in the car on long car trips!

ABC spelling Magic- A great app for basic literacy and phonological awareness development. There are four different versions with varying degrees of difficulty. Choose a target sound or spelling pattern and practice blending and segmenting in words!

Preschool Adventure Island- a series of interactive games for preschool and prep aged children. Activities include puzzles, fishing, matching, and more. All with a focus on the learning the sounds and letters of the alphabet.

Tic Tac Toes Phonics- for middle to upper primary. You play noughts and crosses against each other, however to put your mark on a square you have to answer the question/complete the activity depicted. All activities develop and extend vital literacy skills.

Clean Up- great for supporting oral language skills such as describing and categorization. I recommend practicing this together so you can describe the objects to focus on oral language skills. Talk about the pictures to develop description skills. E.g. "what is this picture? ... How can we describe it? ... Where does it belong?"

Toddlers Seek & Find- despite the name this app can also be used with older children. There are numerous examples of this app (e.g., my animals, little town, circus, etc) and each one has three pages of scenes. The pages are all highly interactive and you can also play eye spy together (e.g., "I spy something beginning with 'p' or for younger children "I spy something that can fly but is not a bird".)

If you have come across any other apps then PLEASE post their name/s on the 'n8 Speech Pathology' Facebook page!