# Evaluating Apps

# <u>Title</u> Playground

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect?  • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected		no	Not sure what all the app has to offer. No guidance. There needs to be a better tutorial or guide to help the user before the delve in.
Did the software crash?	yes		It timed out and stopped responding when we tried the very first activity. Each playground tends to time out.
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?		no	It didn't really teach us much about itself.
Were the screens appealing?  • Color, items on screen, sounds	yes		It was easy to look at with fun "game" animations.
Is it easy to navigate?		no	No guidance or tool bar.
Is it easy to learn?		no	No tutorials. Self- teach format.
Does the user need Supervision to use	Yes		Students would need assistance.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			N/A
<ul> <li>Were there bells and whistles?</li> <li>If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>If not, should there be?</li> </ul>		No	Not really anything exciting. Very bland styles and formatting.

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Did you like using the App?	No	No, it was really slow and boring with no tutorials or help.
What was the cost?		
<ul> <li>Was there a "lite" version</li> </ul>	None	Free
○ If so, was it enough		
Were there in-app purchases?	No	None that were
<ul> <li>If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul>	170	introduced.
How does it compare to other apps that do the		Not as good as
same?		Kodable.
Additional Comments		We were
		disappointed.

## **Developmentally Appropriate**

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<ul> <li>Child Development and Learning</li> <li>Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>Educational Focus?</li> <li>Provides for Learning New Content?</li> <li>Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>			Subject matter teaches order of sequence, which is important when coding.
<ul><li>Individual</li><li>Does it match individual's abilities?</li><li>Does it meet individual's needs?</li></ul>		No	It's pretty basic and doesn't seem to change for the needs of the user.
Social/Cultural  • Bias?  • Commercialism Comments		No	