Total Recall

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Target Audience

The publisher states that the app is made for ages 4+; however we believe that this app should be made for ages 7+. We think that 4-6 year-olds would not understand what the app is for and how to use it because it would be too complex for them. We believe that this app is a tool type app. We think this because it allows the user to make only webs or 'mind maps'.

Curriculum

The app can be used in the curriculum for things such as creating writing webs for essays. The teacher can use the app to organize his or her lesson plans. Students can use the app to collaborate on projects. Students can also use the app to plan out things such as essays. This app could be used as a teacher tool, as a single user, and as a small group. The only things that a user can really do with this app are planning and making webs for organization.

Cost

There is a free version of the app as well as a paid version of the app. With the free version of the app, the user can only make 3 mind maps. With the paid version, the user is allowed to make more than 3 mind maps. There is an in-app purchase for the paid version, which costs $1.99. We think that the paid version would be more useful for a teacher and the free version might be better for a student who is only going to use the app a few times. There is just a single user license available for this app.

Software

When the user opens this app, it takes him/her to a mind map about how to use the app and its features. The user has only one option after this. That option is to make a mind map. When a user creates a new mind map, a text box pops up that says "Enter title". After the user types in the title and hits ok, the user must select the newly made

map from the drop-down menu. The user is then greeted with a blank canvas for them to add bubbles, modify the shape/color of the bubbles, change the text of the bubbles, or rearrange the bubbles in free motion. The user can link the bubbles by pressing the plus button and then clicking two bubbles. The user can add arrows to the links. Because of the way that this app can be used, it is a tool type app.

Impressions

When we first opened the app, we thought it resembled the computer software program known as Inspirations. We were excited at first for the app because we thought that you could do so much with it. Later on, we found that we were not as pleased with the app. Immediately, we knew that this app was a tool. The user can use it to create things. We think that this app would be best suitable in a classroom as organization for the teacher or a web for an essay for students.

It is good that the user can change the shape/color of the bubbles and link them together. It is also good that the user can move the bubbles after placing them. It is not good that the shapes for the bubbles are extremely limited. Moving bubbles after placing them is extremely difficult because they just float around. The app could have more design options. While the navigation and learning of the app were easy, the app was way too simple. There was really no structure to this app. Also, the age rating for this app is very wrong. Children under 7 years-old would not understand how to use this app.

Does the software pass?

This software/app does not pass our evaluation because the things that the user can do with it are so limited. There are very few things that the user can do to the mind maps to make them their own. Younger children would have a hard time understanding what they were supposed to do with it.