

Evaluating Apps

Title: Letter School

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 	x		
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Appropriate for Kindergarten or First Grade use. Teaches handwriting skills.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	x		Very animated! Every time a student correctly traces or writes a letter, the letter will animate and make sounds.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?	x		Tutorial style learning. Progressive layout.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		Students are rewarded for

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			properly tracing then writing the letters.
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	x		Highly animated for kids. Also, app can be used for up to three children. It saves their progress so each child can move at their own pace.
Did you like using the App?	x		
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		x	Small free version but you can unlock all shapes for \$2.99
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	\$2.99 to unlock all shapes.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			Great! The app teaches in a three step process.
Additional Comments			

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Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		Subject matter appropriate for kindergarten or 1 st grade students. Focuses on handwriting skills and fine motor skills. Great way to incorporate technology into the classroom. Follows a three step process to teach students.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		Students can progress as they wish. Each student can spend the time they need on each instruction level to insure full understanding.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	