

Evaluating Apps

Title: Wikids Talking Encyclopedia

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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 ages 2-8. Very Elementary. Great for pre-readers.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 	x		Picture icons to assist children. Great animations and sounds.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		Students can explore by letters or pictures that interest them.
Is it easy to learn?	x		Easy to navigate.
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	Since the app has purchases, I would typically suggest supervision but this app has "kid blockers". In other words, to buy anything you have to complete a

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			"challenge" to get to the purchase. Kind of kid proof in a way.
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		x	Students can explore.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 		x	Very exciting for kids. Pictures for everything and sounds.
Did you like using the App?		x	Very interesting.
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		x	Initial download is free, but you don't have access to much. I would suggest purchasing if you intended to use much.
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	\$5.00 to purchase the full version. The full version is AMAZING.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			I find it to be better. Very kid

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			friendly and explanatory.
Additional Comments			

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		Many subjects for students to explore. Could be used for math, history, art, music, geography, etc...Options are unlimited.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	