

Evaluating Apps

Title IXL

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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	
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on screen, sounds 		x	
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?		x	
Does the user need Supervision to use	x		
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		x	
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	
Did you like using the App?		x	Strong No from all three group members!!!
What was the cost?		x	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 			
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	x		IKL math and English \$19.99
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?		x	
Additional Comments			n/a

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		
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	

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App: IXL

Version: 6.0.1

Developer: IXL Learning

Free app – in app purchases IXL math and English package for \$19.99 per month.

Targeted Audience: 4+ years of age. Pre-K – 12th grade.

Types of software: learning, drill, and practice

Curriculum: Math and Language arts

This app would work well in an environment that is one on one and an educator.

The software upon opening it allows you to sign in as a member or a guest. It is very plain and boring. No music, sound, or color. Just a list formation and endless options upon scrolling for a topic the app is for pre-k through 12th grade.

This software is not made for young children at all. It has an audio option – but you have to click on the sound speaker to access it.

There is not a positive reward system. At the top of the screen you are timed, and it keep tracks of progress, the ribbons you earn. If you get one wrong... you back track so hard that it is impossible to catch up your score goes from 110 to 88 in one wrong, click. This looks like it might work for assessment of student knowledge. The students need supervision. The tutorial has to clicked on to activate.

This was not easy to navigate the assignment and overall, there nothing appealing about this at all.