## Evaluating Apps

<u>Title</u> Brain Pop

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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	X		There was a lot of different things that this app offered! It was a very helpful ELA tool for those who weren't born into an English speaking family.
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	×		It was very appropriate for mid-level learners. This could also be used for a student who is transitioning to English.
<ul><li>Were the screens appealing?</li><li>Color, items on screen, sounds</li></ul>	X		Very appealing and attention grabbing.
Is it easy to navigate?	×		Very self- explanatory and uses many symbols to help guide the user.
Is it easy to learn?	×		I picked up on it immediately and navigated it without error.
Does the user need Supervision to use		×	The teacher may need to checkup on progress occasionally, but it doesn't need super supervision.

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If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X	It really helped guide the user into the write answer. It gave positive feedback!
<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>	×	They enhance, they only go off when the answer is correct.
Did you like using the App?	X	
What was the cost?  • Was there a "lite" version  ○ If so, was it enough		There was a lite version that allowed for free lessons on all levels. It wasn't the same as the purchased version but still provided to be useful and educational.
Were there in-app purchases?  • If so, what were the additional costs?	X	The in app purchases unlocked all 30 lessons for each level. It was \$60 for an unlocked version.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?		I would say its better than most apps the same. The purchased version would really benefit a student who needs it. Its user friendly and extremely engaging.
Additional Comments		Will keep this app information for future use. It's

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	goal is to teach
	students English.

## **Developmentally Appropriate**

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
<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>	X		Provides lots of new learning content, has a sequence of how events should be taught, and is very focused on educating the student on different aspects of ELA.
<ul><li>Individual</li><li>Does it match individual's abilities?</li><li>Does it meet individual's needs?</li></ul>	X		YES on both!!! Very very useful and helpful to the users' needs and abilities. There are three different levels depending on the ability of the student.
Social/Cultural  Bias? Commercialism Comments			Focused on Spanish speaking students, but could be useful for all students who don't speak English and need a base to start at.